TUNIS (Petra) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leadership has welcomed the warning raised by His Majesty King Hussein over a recent statement by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzinak Shanair that Israeli needs to retain the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to settle thousands of Soviet Jewish immigrants expected to arrive in the next three years. "King Hussein's statement accurately expresses the PLO's views on the issue of a substitute (Palestinism) homeland," PLO Executive Committee member Mahmond Abbas told the Jordan News Agency, Petra. The King, in an interview with the Jordan Times, said that Israel was implementing a "Jordan is a solution" scheme and warned that it might resort to forced expulsion of Palestinisms from the occupied lands to make room for Soviet Jews. Streaming the importance of joint Arab action to counter the challenge represented in the israeli settlement plan, Abbas streamed that the PLO was coordinating positions with Jordan and urged Arab committee to be ready to face the Israeli threat. "The racist and expansionist stanements of (Shamir) do not serve the cause of peace but rather evoke old Zionist dreams of the so-called 'greater Israeli'," Abbas said.

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Gorbachev blames extremists and opponents of perestroika programme

Caucasus battles rage; showdown seems imminent

MOSCOW (Agencies) - A bet-tle raged Friday in the Armenian border town Yeratskh after 300 armed Azeris crossed into the neighbouring republic, highlighting Soviet security forces inability to halt a wave of ethnic

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Reports from the region said fighting continued after a big raid Toursday on the town near Azerbaijan's Nakhichevan border strip with Turkey and Iran. At least three people were reported

In the Azerbaijani capital Baku - scene of the worst of the last week of violence - Azeri unlitants appeared set for a showdown with army commanders pledged to seize the city centre. As the fighting raged, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told a Kremlin meeting Friday Moscow would do all in its power to

restore order. He blamed the turnoil on what he called extremists, adventurists and Muslim fundamentalists, all bent on undermining his peres-

troika reforms. The Soviet Interior Ministry says it has deployed some 24,000 says it has deputed and arguer troops and police to try to quell violence between mainly Christ-ian Armenians and predominantly Muslim Azerbaijanis.

According to official accounts when at least 66 people have been phone: I illust in the least 100 people have been killed in the last week. Fierce clashes have flared on the frontier between the two republics, in

radio station and guerrilla bases of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah

in two separate air raids on South

Lebanon Friday, Israel's first this

Police said at least five people

were killed and 12 wounded in

the attacks on the radio station in

the refugee camp of Mich Mich

near the port of Sidon and Hiz-bollah's bases in four villages

Two others were missing in the

77-minute raid on Mich Mich that

destroyed the station the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) was readying to transmit

programmes to the uprising in the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and

further south.

Karabakh in Azerbaijan. A spokesmen for the Moscow commission overseeing Nagorno-Karabakh said some 500 troops have been sirlifted to the region to face a growing concentration of armed militaris.

He said the district had a 10day food supply but was facing a tight blockade by Azerbaijani radicals.

Iranian media reported several thousand Iranians, including women, children and cliderly peoole, had fied to Iran because of the violence. Previous demonstrations along the border called for free travel between Soviet and-Iranian Azerbaijan, whose residents share common language. religion and culture (see page 2).

Gorbachev told a conference in Moscow the situation in the southern Caucasus republics was not improving, the official news agency TASS reported.

TASS reported Gorbachev also said some Azerbaijani extramists were "calling for the republic to second from the USSR, for an Islamic Azerbaijan." But, he said, "among the people they are not receiving support."
Gorbachev said the six days of

nic claubes served the interests of "a group of expensits, irres-possible adventurists and representatives of the shadow eco-

The shadow economy refers to the billions of rubles of illegal, black-market trade
"Perestroiks is a bone in their Baku and around the largelyArmenian enclave of Nagornothroat, but they can't oppose it deputy director.

Six Phantom F-4 fighter-bom-

bers fired 34 rockets in seven runs

beginning at 11:50 a.m. (0950

GMT), devastating the two trans-

mission acrials of the station

named Radio Al Quds, according

Guerillas from the PLO's

mainstream Fatch faction ringed

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and stopped reporters and photo-

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"These successive air raids.

through which the enemy sought

to silence the voice of freedom,

will not stop us from continuing

Israeli air raid kills 5,

SIDON (Agencies) — Israeli Gaza Strip, a police spokeaman warplanes blasted a Palestinian said.

wounds 12 in S. Lebanon

of an ethnic basis," Gorbachev told the conference on his reform programme, according to TASS.

He pledged the government would do everything necessary to keep the situation from

Earlier Priday, a government statement released by TASS criticised extremists for pushing peo-ple to "blind hatred and craziness." The statement read on radio and the television said: Today's tragedy, if it is not stopped, tomorrow could turn into a national catastrophe."

It did not specify what the consequences might be.
At least 10,500 Armenians reportedly have been evacuated from Baku, where rampaging Azerbaijani mobs began attack-

ing Armenians Saturday. Extremists have obtained heavy Soviet weaponry, including helicopters, tanks and ground-toground missiles in what Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin Thursday called a "civil war."

In Baku, extremists blockaded the Communist Party leadership's headquarters Friday and deman-ded the government resign, the Ascrbeijani news agency Azerinresorbeijeni sowe agency Azerb-form said.

Virtually all of Baku, with a population of 1.8 million, went on strike Friday to demand the withdrawal of Soviet troops and to urge that no martial law or curiew be imposed on the region, said Savili Peretz, Azerinform's

courageous intifada," Anwar

Madi, a senior Fatch officer, told

The first Israeli air raid, at

dawn, targeted positions of Hiz-

bollah in the villages of

Louwaizeh and 'Ain Bouswar, 40

Nine hours later and only 18

kilometres to the west, the planes

began the first of ten strafing runs

over the camp and radio station

in an attack which lasted 75 mi-

The jets were met by a bail of

nti-aircraft and rocket fire form

PLO guerrillas but the Israeli

army said all its planes returned

over Sidon after the attack

Columns of black smoke hung

safely to base.

kilometres south of Beirut.

nots from the Azerl Popular Front wave the fing of the once independent Azerbaijan during a rally in Lenkoran, Soviet Azerbaijan, after seizing most of the buildings in the city.

Iraqı, Egyptian leaders discuss Arab

issues CAIRO (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein telephoned Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak Friday to discuss international developments and Arab issues, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

Iraq and Egypt have joined with Jordan and North Yemen in forming the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), a bloc pledged to work towards economic unity. The agency said ACC issues were among the topics discussed by the two leaders.

MENA did not say if last month's formal restoration of ties between Egypt and Syria was raised during Friday's telephone conversation.

President Hussein paid an overnight visit to Jordan Wednesday/Thursday.

He said in a statement Thursday that Iran's present position on a lasting peace in the Gulf had not changed and the Iranian leaders were intent on maintaining their aggressive attitude towards Iraq and the Arab Nation.

Answering reporters' questions at Amman amport shortly before departure, the Iraqi president said that the Iranians still believe they can make gains at the expense of the Arabs and the Iraqis.
"I believe that the Iranians need a long time to rid themselves of this aggressive attitude," he said. "What is needed at the moment is a total conviction on the part of the Iranian people of the importance of peace and peaceful rela-tions with other nations," Hussein said. But he added: "Iran cannot escape from peace at the end, specially in light of the principles and terms contained in

Iraq's recent peace initiative." His Majesty King Hussein, also in comments at the airport, said that Hussein's visit offered yet another opportunity for an exchange views on matters of national interest "at this critical circumstances through which the Arab Nation is going through and the developments and changes in the world arena."

PoW exchange

An Iranian official said exchanges of wounded or disabled prisoners of war (PoWs) with Iraq would not continue after Baghdad sent home 20 PoWs Thursday, one day after Iran repatriated 50 Iraqi captives.

Tehran Radio said the 20 PoWs arrived in Tehran's Mehrabad airport on a direct flight from Baghdad.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — In a move that could cripple current peace efforts, police Friday arrested Faisal Al Husseini, a leading Palestinian activist who has been mentioned as a likely negotiator in a proposed Israel-Palestinian dialogue. Husseini appeared briefly in

Jerusalem's magistrate court, where Judge Musia Arad ordered him held for four days for further investigation.

be held for 15 days, saying they wanted to question him "on suspicion he assisted an illegal ofganisation that acted in the framework of the uprising," court

documents showed. Arad said in a written decision that she ordered Husseini held because testimony from Palestinians indicted in a military court Thursday. They indicated Husseini provided money for the cell which allegedly planned unspecified violent actions.

She also said police provided her with "intelligence information," which was not made public

at the hearing.
If convicted, Husseini could face a total of seven years in jail. As he left the courtroom, Husseini shouted to reporters: "Nothing will stop the peace pro-

Arad, in her decision, ordered Husseini to be seen in jail by a doctor after his attorney com-

plained he was not in good health. His lawyer said later Husseini suffers from asthma and high blood pressure. During a recess in the hearing. Husseini was assaulted while

leaving the courtroom by two Jewish extremists known to have ties with the anti-Arab Kach movement of American-born rabbi Meir Kahane.

the other pushed him and shouted curses, including "stinking Arab, we shall destroy you."

German

porters and said: "This is your been detained this week in Nab-

This is typical of an Israeli policy to crush moderates," said Janet Aviad, a leader of the left-wing Israeli Peace Now movement. Palestinian philosopher Sari Nusseibeh told reporters: "His

arraignment is a slap in the face for the peace option chosen by the Palestinian people. They (Israeli authorities) want to torpedo the process."

arrest was apparently a political move aimed at appeasing the Israeli right and Jewish settlers rather than at prosecuting Hus-

"I am sad to say that this is successful pressure of the right on the police to prevent the peace process," said Citizens' Rights Movement Parliamentarian Ran Cohen. Husseini has been detained

without trial for 18 months out of the last three years. During his last period of imprisonment, a senior Israeli official visited him to discuss the idea of elections in the occupied territories.

Regarded as the senior pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader in the occupied territories, he has repeatedly advocated a peace dialogue to persuade all sectors of Israeli society of the need for a Palestinian state alongside the Jewish

A resident of Arab Jerusalem. he was banned from entering the West Bank and Gaza Strip last month and barred from leaving the country this month.

The United States, which regards Husseini as a key figure in any future Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, protested against the restrictions on his movements.

One spat in Husseini's face and In Tunis, a PLO spokesman out 30 nationalist activists had

lus and Tulkarm but denied any massive sweep.

Another Palestinian leader,

journalist Radwan Abu Ayash. was called in for questioning at the Ramallah military governor's office but not detained.

A spokesman for the Peace Now Movement, Amiram Goldblum, told Israel Radio that Husseini's detention meant a "surrender to political pressures whose aim is to torpedo the peace pro-

Jawad Boulos, one of Husseini's attorneys, told reporters Friday the charges against his client were "baseless.

A religious leader revered by right-wing Moroccan-born Jews and Israel should talk to the PLO and allow the establishment of a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip and parts of Egypt.

In the name of peace, if the PLO will come to sit and talk we should stretch out our hand and talk with it." rabbi Barnch Abuhatzeira, scion of a line of Moroccanborn Jewish mystics, told Israel Radio.

"If they want a Palestinian state they can go to the Gaza Strip area including Al Arish (in Egypt's Sinai desert)," he added. "The Egyptian authorities would also need to make conces-

sions over part of the Sinai desert... a Palestinian state should be founded there and everyone will be satisfied."

U.S. criticises Israel The U.S. criticised the arrest of

Husseini saying it was discouraging to U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East.

Although spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said U.S. officials had not sorted out the allegations yet, she read a statement that said 'we are surprised and disturbed" by reports that Husseini and other Palestinians had been de-

Rabin: No progress towards dialogue

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -- Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said that a flurry of Middle East diplomacy in Washington this week have failed to narrow the gap between Israel and the Palestinians and pave the way to peace talks.

But Rabin said he believed the United States would keep aid to his country at current levels for at least the next two years despite a proposal by Senate republican eader Robert Dole to cut it (see

After meeting with Bush administration officials including Secretary of State James Baker, Rabin told Israeli reporters Thursday a wide gap remained between Israel on one side and Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on the other over proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks.

"I cannot say the gap has been narrowed. But I can say I understand some parameters of the Israeli-Palestinian position better," Rabin told the reporters.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Maguid, also in Washington this week, met Baker twice Tuesday and was to meet him again Friday.

Although Rabin and Abdul Meguid were in hotels barely two kilometres apart, they chose not to meet.

Baker is working to convene a three-way meeting with the fore-ign ministers of Israel and Egypt to arrange the terms of what would be an unprecedented Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

But Rabin said the sides were still too far apart on three key points to hold the long-awaited

meeting. "It is very difficult to suppose there will be a tripartite meeting xefore Israel and Egypt come closer on the three main issues -the composition of the Palestinian delegation, who will announce the members of the delegation and the agenda,'

Rabin said. The United States wants Palestinians from Arab Jerusalem and some in exile included in the delegation and the PLO says it must approve and announce the group. Israel rejects these demands and insists it will not allow

On the agenda, Israel wants the talks confined to proposed Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The PLO insists on the right of the Palestinian delegation to raise other points as well.

any PLO role in the talks.

On Wednesday, Baker's principal Middle East adviser, Deanis Ross, head of the policy planning staff, and three other senior U.S. officials met with Rabin.

The others were Paul Wolfowitz, the undersecretary of defence for policy; Richard Haass, head of the Middle East desk at the National Security Council, and John Kelly, assistant secretary of state for the Near East. Deputy Israeli Foreign Minis-

ter Benjamin Netanyahu quoted Baker as saying "the trilateral meeting of foreign ministers will be held by the end of February."

The Arab league said Thursday that the "big, strong Israel" advo-cated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir violated international law,

Lebanese journalists call anti-Aoun demonstration

ble time bombs.

Press Association Friday called a demonstration to protest maverick Christian General Michel Acun's attempts to "partition the press and strip Lebanon of its

The call followed overnight skirmishes with machine guns between Aoun's soldiers and militiamen across Beirut's dividing green line. Police said no casualties were reported. "Unity of the free Lebanese

press is the rock that crushes all attempts to partition the nation and strip it of its liberty," said the association's chairman, Moham-mad Baalbaki, a Sunni Muslim, who also heads the newspaper publishers' syndicate.

The association is an umbrella press organisation grouping the publishers syndicate and the reporters' syndicate, which is headed by Maronite Catholic Milhem Karam.

The association "calls on all nationalist forces, leaders and politicians to take part in a demonstration Saturday to denonnce attempts to silence the free press," Baalbaki told a news

offices in west Beingt. He also called on the country's daily papers to "exceptionally publish Sunday morning to cover activities of the press day."

Aoun's foreign policy aide, Farouk Abillana, said he was firing Lebanon's Ambassador to France Fund Turk for requesting the intervention by French policemen to end a week-long occupation of the embassy offices in Paris by about 30 pro-Aoun protesters (see page 2).

Abiliams holds the title of

secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry in Acon's three-man interim military cabinet which was dismissed by President Elias Hrawi upon his election Nov. 24.

Aoun has rejected Hrawi's election, noting he had declared parliament dissolved to prevent the election of a Syrian-backed head of state in Lebanon. In addition to firing Acun as prime minister, Hrawi also dis-

missed him as commander of the armed forces. Aoun issued a directive Tuesday banning the media from "bestowing the title of president"

BEIRUT (AP) - Lebanon's conference at his syndicate's on Hrawi and that of Prime Minister on Salim Al Hoss, a Sunni Muslim appointed by Hrawi last November to head a national reconciliation govern-

Aoun has banned two daily papers, Al Diyar and Al Bayrak, from publishing for a week for violating his instructions. The two dailies are based in the 800square-kilometre Christian enclave northeast of Beirut, which is under Aoun's control.

The country's most prestigious newspaper Al Nahar, based in west Beirut, has not been publishing since Aoun issued his directive in an apparent effort to avoid going into a confrontation with the rebellious general.

The conservative daily Al Anwar, which operates in the Christian enclave, had followed Acon's instructions, However, the paper published two different editions Friday, one for the Christian enclave and the other for the rest of the country.

Al Anwar's edition that was sold in Beirut referred to Hrawi as president while the copies sold in the Christian enclave called him "Mr. Ehas Hrawi."

said Israel had arrested more than 200 Palestinians in the last 24 hours. Israeli sources said ab-

WEST BERLIN (AP) - A leading Communist reportedly plans to join East German's top prodemocracy party, and Interim President Manfred Gerlach urged opposition members Friday to help run the government until May elections.

Also Friday, Communist fac-tions demanded breakup of their ruling party, and leaders agreed to discuss the demand Saturday.

The developments illustrated the country's political difficulties following East Germany's peaceful revolution that radically altered political and social struc-

Premier Hans Modrow, a Communist, has urged his non-Communist coalition partnersand the opposition to work with the government until the nation's irst free elections can be held in

But demonstrations and warning strikes, as well as threats from the non-Communist forces. threaten to bring down Modrow's cabinet. One non-Communist group,

the Christian Democrats, was expected to decide later Friday if they would withdraw from the 27-member coalition government trying to lead the country to its first free elections in 40 years.

The Communist Party, whose membership has plunged from 2.3 million to 1.4 million in six months, is wracked by internal squabbles over its future.

In a statement released Friday, "various party movements" demanded the party's "uncompromising dissolution under public control."

"The delegates to the extraordinary party congress (held in December) should again be summoned to agree to the dissolution," said the statement carried by the official East German news agency ADN. The statement listed seven

Communists in dire straits

Communist groups that called for the party's dissolution. "The situation in the country is again becoming critical," it said. ADN said the party leadership

would meet Saturday to discuss the demand.

West Germany's mass-circulation Bild newspaper reported Friday that popular pro-reform Mayor Wolfgang Berghofer of Dresden, one of three party vicechairmen, would abandon the Communists.

"I am going to the Social Democrats," Bild quoted him as

The Social Democrats are con-

sidered the leading contender to head the East German government after the May elections.

Bild quoted Communist Party officials as saying they feared "a large group" would leave the party with Berghofer, who was the first high-ranking East German official to call for a freemarket economy.

Gerlach said the opposition should take over some of the 16 cabinet seats held by the Communists or the three held by Christian Democrats, who have threatened to pull out of the coalition government.

Gerlach, whose office is largely ceremonial, also suggested the government should find a prominent opposition figure to take over as the chief judge of the country's supreme court, ADN

Rabin says U.S. aid is assured

WASHINGTON (R) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Thursday he believed the United States would maintain aid to his country at current levels for at least the next two years despite a proposal by a key Republican senator to reduce it. "I believe that for this fiscal year, the budget is approved and unless there will be custs, which I hope will not take place, there will be a continuation," Rabin told reporters after a meeting with Secret-

ary of State James Baker.
"When it comes to fiscal year '91, I have the reasons to believe there will be no reduction in the support to Israel," he added. Israel receives \$3 billion from Washington in economic and

military aid each year, making it by far the biggest recipient of U.S. assistance.

But a proposal earlier this week from Senate Republican leader Bob Dole to cut aid to Israel and other major recipients so more money could be given to emerging democracies in Eastern Europe came as a nasty shock to Israeli leaders.

The Bush administration said it backed the principle of having more flexibility in distributing aid instead of having much of its aid budget earmarked in advance for specific countries. But the proposal to cut assistance to Israel has garnered scant support in Con-

Rabin reported that he had received an assurance frosm Defence Secretary Dick Chency that military aid of \$1.8 billion would be maintained. But sources close to his delegation said the message he had received from Washington was not totally reassuring.

The sources said senior administration officials warned Rabin Wednesday that U.S. military procurement in general would fall sharply in the next few years as the threat from the Soviet Union diminished and this would mean fewer U.S. orders for Israel's key military industries.

U.S. market is shrinking for everybody, including us," one source said.

This could also affect Israeli cooperation in Washington's strategic defence initiative (SDI) — former President Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" programme — which appears to be falling out of favour with the Bush admi-nistration. Israeli participation in SDI projects has given it access to valuable state-of-the-art technology and research resources.

Rabin said he had argued that while the military threat to the United States may have dimi-nished, the "threat" to Israel was just as acute as before.

"I raised the needs of Israel to continue to maintain the same level fo support to Israel because when it comes to the Middle East, the glasnost is not seen there," he said.

"The Soviet Union continues to supply arms to the radical Arab countries - Libya, Syria and Iraq - and in '89 there was even an increase in the flow of arms quantitatively and qualitatively to these three countries... in view of all this we believe that we deserve the continuation of the level of support that we get," Rabin contended.

In addition, he argued, Israel had to absorb thousands of Soviet Jews flocking to its shores every month and this had become a major burden on its finances.

Some Congress members have argued that the United States is in no position to turn down Israeli requests for additional help to settle the newcomers since it has itself effectively closed its doors to all but a small minority of those wishing to leave the Soviet Union.

But Washington is likely to react strongly if it becomes clear that Irael is channelling immigrants to new settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

New confrontation over PLO at WHO

GENEVA (AP) — The stage has been set in the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a new confrontation over the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) bid for the State of Palestine to become a full-fledged U.N. further.

The agency's 31-nation executive board agreed without vote Thursday to put off pending further "study" a decision on a proposal by WHO Director General Hiroshima Nakajima to postpone until October or November the WHO's annual assembly, now set for May.

Thus, the assembly will consider once again Palestine's application to be admitted as the 167th WHO member nation. Last year, following a U.S. threat to cut off funding, the assembly voted to defer a decision on the issue until 1990.

Nakajima argued that the 156nation health assembly often had been "the first available testing ground for measuring the reactions of governments to certain controversial political issues," not necessarily raising legitimate health concerns.

He said this could be avoided by moving it to the fall, when the U.N. General Assembly already is in session in New York.

"Delegates would thus be encouraged to refer political matters directly to the U.N. General Assembly or to other forums better equipped to deal with them," he said in a report to the executive board, which did not refer specifically to the Palestine issue.

But opposition to the proposal,

chiefly from Third World countries, prevented the required consensus. Critics said that breaking with a four-decade-old tradition of holding the assembly in May would politicise the agency

The 1989 vote to defer a dec sion came after Washington, which contributed \$74 million or 25 per cent of the WHO's 1989 budget, said it would withdraw all payments to any U.N. agency admitting the PLO

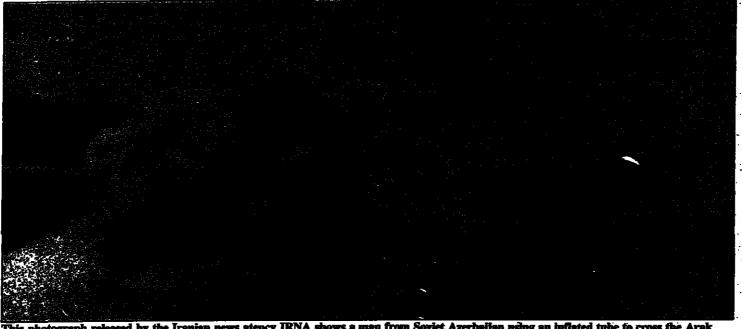
Nakajima urged PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in vain to withdraw the application, warning that a cutoff of U.S. funds would "completely destroy" the agency.

In December, a PLO bid to win recognition as a non-voting observer state — such as Switzerland, or North and South Korea - was put off indefinitely by the U.N. General Assembly.

Last week, the United States sharply reduced its annual con-tribution to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation, which supported the PLO with a technical programme. The United States warned it might pull out of that body altogether.

More than 100 countries have recognised the State of Palestine since it was proclaimed in Tunis

in November 1988. The United States, joined by most Western countries, argues, however, that the entity does not fulfil internationally accepted criteria of statehood, including control of a defined territory. It has also warned that admission of the PLO would jeopardise the Middle East peace process.



This photograph released by the Iranian news atency IRNA shows a man from Soviet Azerbaijan using an inflated tube to cross the Arak

Thousands of Azeris cross into Iran

NICOSIA (AP) — Thousands of women, children and elderly Soviet Azerbaijanis fleeing ethnic violence crossed the border into Iran, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Friday.

The news came as Moscow appealed for an end to clashes in its Cancasus republics between predominantly Muslim Azerbaijanis and Christian Armenians in which more than 70 people have been killed. The state-run Iranian agency said the Soviet Shi'ite Muslims crossed the land border into the Iranian town of Bilehsavar, 200

kilometres southwest of Baku. Unlike previous cases in which Soviet Azerbaijanis swam the Araks River which forms the border farther west of visits to Iran, the latest arrivals appeared to consist of refugees.

The report, monitored in Cyprus, did not specify how many Soviet Muslims crossed the border into Iran Friday, but said 5,000 Soviet Azerbaijanis arrived in Bilehsavar Thursday.

The agency said women, children and the eldery made up most of the border crossers since Thursday, indicating they were fleeing the violence across the frontier.

The Soviet Shi'ite Muslims share a common language, culture and religion with Iranian Azerbaijanis across the border, who constitute about a third of Iran's 55 million people. Soviet Azerbaijani protesters demanding an open border, free

travel between and heightened links with thier brethren on the Iranian side started crossing over into Iran in pairs or small groups earlier this month.

But the crossing escalated when a simmering feud between the mostly Muslim Soviet Azerbaijanis and the Christian Armenians erupted last week after a group of Azerbaijanis went on the rampage in Baku against Armenians living there.

IRNA reported Thursday that more than 400 Soviet Muslims who had crossed into Iran recently returned back home by boat across the Araks River.

Sahran Chubin, an analyst at Geneva's Graduate Institute of International Affairs, said earlier this week: "There's a danger that if the Soviet Azerbaijanis engage Soviet troops, and use Iran as a sanctuary, they may embroil their cousins in Iran in their fight." Nationalists in Soviet Azerbaijani are agitating for the establish-

ment of a "greater Azerbaijan," an independent, oil-rich homeland for some 20 million Azerbaijanis on both sides of the border. Ever since Iran's Islamic revolution in 1979, Moscow has been fearful of the effect on the 50 million Muslims who live in the southern Soviet republics.

Now, in the fallout from the reformist zeal sweeping Eastern Europe, Azerbaijan is erupting.

Israel says Soviet Jews do not go to occupied lands

Jewish immigrants to the occupied territories, releasing figures which it said showed almost none had settled there.

The foreign ministry said the figures, issued after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's controversial statement Sunday that a "big" Israel" was needed for Soviet Jews, were being sent to all its

The figures, compiled by the absorption ministry, covered the 12,700 Jews who arrived from the Soviet Union last year.

Israeli officials predict that as many as 750,000 Soviet Jews will arrive over the next five to six years in light of Moscow's new free emigration policies and new U.S. restrictions on immigration.

The figures said 56 per cent of the 12,700 chose to settle in the Tel Aviv area, 30 per cent went to the port of Haifa and other parts of northern Israel and three per cent to areas of the and south such as the Naquib desert.

Only 11 per cent settled in the Jerusalem area including neighbourhoods in and around Arab Jerusalem. "Less than half a per cent went

to the West Bank and Gaza," absorption ministry spokeswoman Ida Ben-Shitrit told Reu-But the absorption ministry

acknowledged that immigrants tended to move during their first years in Israel and might eventually go to the occupied terri-

Right-wing Israelis view the anticipated exodus of Soviet Jews as an opportunity to counter the overwhelming Palestinian majority in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and ensure Israeli

About 70,000 Israelis now live in protected settlements among

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel is seeking to allay international fears that it would direct Soviet the 1.7 million Palestinians of the occupied territories, not counting achieve their objective of build-Some Israelis are attracted by

low-priced housing in the heavilysubsidised settlements, but also have to contend with a lack of local iobs and the dangers of the 25-month-old Palestinian up-

The United States, which has been trying to organise Israeli-Palestinian talks on the future of the territories, criticised Shamir Wednesday for saying the "Biblical land of Israel" was needed to settle the Soviet immigrants.

Foreign ministry spokesman Baruch Bina said: "There is no connection between the emigration out of the Soviet Union and settlement in the territories."

The foreign ministry denied an Israeli newspaper report that a Soviet diplomat had warned of limits on emigration if Soviet Jews were settled in the West Bank.

"From the Soviet point of view, they are letting people of all nationalities leave the Soviet Union and once they leave they can't control where they go," said a foreign ministry official.

Fateh-Uprising's warning

A Palestinian group warned Moscow Thursday that its ties with Arabs would be harmed if it did not stop the flow of Soviet Jews to Israel.

Abdul-Hadi Nashash, spokesman for the Fateh-Uprising, said in a statement that more than 35,000 Soviet Jews had reached Israel and the number would reach more than 100,000 in the near future.

"The continuation of the flow of Soviet Jewish immigrants would inflict serious harm to the traditional friendship which links the Arab peoples with the Soviet ing greater Israel.' Nashash said Palestinians

would face mass expulsion from their towns and camps to give way for the new Soviet immig-The Damascus-based Fateh-Uprising is led by Colonel Abu

Musa who rebelled against Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat in Diplomats said the group's tement was a rare criticism of

the Soviet Union which traditionally maintains good ties with Palestinian groups. "It is not reasonable that the Soviet Union, the friend of Arabs and their causes, would resort to solving its internal problems at

the expense of the main causes of the Arabs and Palestinians,' Nashash said. He appealed to Moscow to stop the exodus immediately and said continued flow of Jews to Israel

was a "serious threat not only to Palestinians but to the whole Arab World."

'Reasons' for emigration

A Soviet Jewish leader said Thursday, fear of anti-Semitic outbursts, potential pogroms and possible political disintegration is driving tens of thousands of Jews out of the Soviet Union.

Mikhail Chlenov, co-chairman of the newly-formed Congress of Soviet Jewish Organisations, said in a speech in New York that there was "a feeling of fear and hysteria" among many Soviet Jews that is prompting many to emigrate to Israel.

The true exodus of Soviet Jewry has already started," he told the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress.

Faisal awards announced

RIYADH (AP) - Sheikh Ali Al

Tantawi, a prominent theologian in Saudi Arabia, and Dr. Khur-shid Ahmad of Pakistan were jointly awarded the top prize of the annual King Faisal International Prize Committee Thursday. The top prize goes for services contributed in the field of Islam. Ahmad is head of the International Institute for Islamic Economy Studies at the University of Islamabad. University professors Muhammad Omar A. Shabra, a Saudi economic coun-Agency, and Al Seddiq M. Al Darir, a Sudanese professor of Islami law at the University of Khartoum, Sudan, shared the price for Islamic studies for their studies on financial dealings as prescribed by Islam.

The elderly Egyptian short story writer Yahya Haqqi got the prize for Arabic literature, according to the list announced by Prince Khaled Al Faisal.

Professor Andre Capron, 59, of France, director of the Centre for Immunology of parasites at the Institut. Pasteur in Lille, France, and Dr. Anthony Edward Butterworth, 44, of Britain, an associate lecturer at the department of Pathology, Cambridge University, shared the prize for medicine for their studies on parasitical diseases, specifically schistosomiasis. Professor Raymond Urgel

Lemieux, 69, a Canadian professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta, Prof. Frank Albert Cotton, 58, of the department of chemistry at Texas A-and-M University, and Prof. Mustafa Amr Al Sayed of the United States shared the prize in science for their efforts in the field of che-

The Faisal foundation was established by the eight sons of the late king Faisal.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Sweden ups funding to UNRWA

NICOSIA (AP) — The Swedish government has upped its contribution to the United Nations programme for Palestinian refugees to more than \$21 million, a U.N. agency announced Thursday. The U.N. Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA), in a statement faxed to the Associated Press from its Vienna headquarters, said the Swedish contribution was 30 million krona (\$4.85 million) more than originally pledged for 1990. The donation of 130 million Swedish krona makes the Scandinavian nation the second largest contributor behind the United States to UNRWA. The U.S. has pledged \$50 million for 1990, down from \$67 million two

Police end day sit-in at Lebanese embassy

PARIS (R) — Police Friday peacefully evacuated 28 supporters army chief Michel Aoun who had staged an eight-day sit in at Lebanon's Paris embassy, the Foreign Affairs Ministry said. The protesters objected to the appointment of a new ambassador and attempts by Lebanon's Syrian-backed government to take control of the Paris mission. Police said they were evacuated about 5.30 a.m. A spokesman at the Foreign Affairs Ministry said Lebanese diplomats had asked for French asistance to end of sit-in.

Oil transfer from Iranian tanker hampered

ROTTERDAM (AP) — Dutch salvage crews were waiting for clear weather before transferring 200,000 tons of crude oil from a crippled Iranian tanker in the Atlantic, the salvaging company said. The Khark 5 lost 70,000 tons of Iranian light crude after a Dec. 19 explosion ripped a gaping hole in the vessel's hull. Before drifting seaward the resulting oil slick threatened Morocco's fisheries and beaches. The stricken ship, towed by three powerful tugs and accompanied by another Iranian tanker, the shir Khooh, was located in international waters about 500 kilometres northwest of the Cap Verde islands off the West African coast, according to a spokeswoman for Smit Tak, the Dutch salvagers.

Iranian students threaten Britons

TEHRAN (R) - A radical Iranian student group has warned Britain its citizens in Islamic countries and elsewhere would be in danger if it did not free jailed Iranian students. The militant former interior minister, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, joined the condemnation of Britain, saying its treatment of Iranian students was savage and despicable. It was not clear if Mohtashemi, elected to parliament last month, backed the students' threat against British people. But he reaffirmed that an Iranian death order against British author Salman Rushdie was still valid. Britain deported two Iranian students last month. A third, 33-year-old Mehrdad Kokabi, was arrested and charged with an arson attack on a London bookshop selling copies of Rushdie's controversial novel "The Satanic Verses." "If the British government does not stop putting pressure on British Muslims,... and in particular does not free the Iranian students, it must be assured that it has endangered the security of British subjects around the globe, especially in Islamic countries, "The Student group said in a statement published in Abrar newspaper Thursday. The group, called the Bureau for Consolidation of Unity of Islamic Societies of Universities, is an umbrella organisation for hardline student groups on Iranian campuses which advocate the export of the Islamic revolution.

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Maghreb employers form joint panel

ALGIERS (R) — Employers' organisations in five North African states joined Thursday to form the Maghreb Union of Confederation of Industries, the Algerian news agency APS said. It said the group was designed to help to promote summit among the members of the year-old Arab Maghreb Union — Allgeria, Libya, Mauritania, Moroccao and Tunisia.

'Ceausescu deals with Iran stand'

NICOSIA (R) -- Romania's ambassador in Tehran said Thursday its new leaders respected economic agreements made with Iran just before the downfall of dictataor Nicolae Ceausescu, Tehran Radio reported. The pacts included major defence contracts, according to Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati who was grilled in parliament over Ceausescu's visit to Iran days before he was toppled and executed last month. Ceausescu and President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani signed wide-ranging agreements which Romanian officials said would be worth \$2 billion a year. The Iranian news agency IRNA said they included the sale to Romania of 130,000 tonnes of Iranian crude oil a month. "The new Romanian officials will follow up the former policy of expanding exchanges with Iran which serves the interests of both countries, Tehran Radio quoted Ambassador Ilie Casu

Fand sends 1.6m Korans to Soviet Muslims

JEDDAH (AP) - A gift of 1.6 million copies of the Koran is to be shipped to the Soviet Union by King Fahd, the weekly Al Muslimoon reported. Quoting the secretary-general of the Meccabased Muslim World Leagu, Dr. Abdullah Omar Naseef, the paper said if the national Soviet airline Aeroflot quotes a competitive price, it will be allowed to fly to Sandi Arabia to airlift the consignment. Naseef said it was the firt consignment of Islamic books to the Soviet Union since the country lifted a long-standing ban on Islamic and Christian literature last summer. The move was part of the perestroika policy of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Arens briefs Portuguese leader

LISBON (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens briefed Portuguese President Mario Soares of Middle East issues Thursday and sought Lisbon's support for his country's initiatives, officials said. The talks came on the final day of Arens's two-day visit - the first by an Israeli minister since relations were established in 1977. Portugal toes a cautious line on Middle East affairs and supports the existence of both an Israeli and a Palestinian state.

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English-language weekly reemerges with pledge to be objective, candid

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - An English-lasguage weekly has resumed publication in Jordan after a 16-month biscus and promis to objectively being out image facing forder in an open and candid museur in light of the democratisation process in the

The first issue of the Star appeared on newsatands Thursday in a 24-page tabloid format; in essence the same style of presentation and graphics except in name as that of the Jerusalem Star. However, one marked difference, according to many readers, is also the caudid nature of poli-tical and social issues, which is in line with the press liberalisation policy in the Kingdom.

According to Star Chief Editor Osama Al Sharif, who says he launched the venture after obtaining a new publishing licence from the government of Sherif Zeid Ben Shaker in mid-

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e Korasi the week 1989, "the return to democratic life in Jordan has breathed pew life into our dying press."
U.S. educated Sharif and former lerosalem Star editor Ayman Saladi are the driving force behind the reborn, private-award weekly assessing.

We don't like to call it a newspaper or a newsweekly."
Sharif cold the Jordan Times in an interview at his sparingly farnished offices in Jabal Linweibdeh. "We are more oriented towards presenting issues that face Jordan and its people, and are less inclined to carry spot news as such," be

According to Saladi, "now seems to be a very good time to publish an English-language weekly in light of the democratic changes and openness in the

"We believe that the Star will be filling a gap in journal-ism as a whole in Jordan," he told the Jordan Times. "We are totally independent and are not affiliated with any

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

CONDOLENCES: His Majesty King Hussein Thursday visited

the residence of Akram Zuaiter to offer condolences on the death

of his brother Ziyad Znaiter. Akram Znaiter is a former minister

and chairman of the Royal Commission for Jerusalem Affairs

SENATE PANEL TO MEET: Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi has called the Senate's Foreign Affairs

Committee to meet Monday to discuss with Deputy Prime Minister

and Foreign Minister Marwan Queen on issues reviewed by the

WEST BANK PRODUCE: The Ministry of Agriculture has

decided to allow several types of fruits and vegitables to enter

Jordan from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in the next

two months. A ministry statement said that omous, garlic, carrots

ZAROA RESIDENTS' DEMAND: Residents of Prince Ali

neighbourhood in Zarqa have cabled the Lower House of

Parliament citing their demands and needs related to inclusion in

YOUTH AND SPORTS: Jordan will participate in the 23rd session of the executive bureau of the Arab Youths and Sports

Ministers Council due to convene in Tunis Wednesday. The Jordanian delegation is led by Minister of Youth Ibrahim Ghabab-

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY: The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Environmental Research Centre currently is participating in

committees designed to set a national strategy for the protection of

environment. These committees are engaged in preparing the first

TEAM OFF TO SYRIA: A Jordanian delegation left Priday for

Damascus to hold talks with Syrian officials on economic cooperation between the two countries in accordance with an economic

agreement signed earlier. The delegation, led by Minister of

Industry and Trade Ziyad Fariz, will hold a series of discussions

related to the situation of joint Jordanian-Syrian companies

operating in the field of economy as well as developing work for the

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition entitled "They chose 30 poets" at the French

An art exhibition by Mohammad Al Jaloos at the Royal

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political party or ideology." bo stressed. "We do not take sides and will be presenting issues from all perspectives and points of views," he said.

Sharif said the Jerusalem Star was on the verge of "breaking even" after consistent losses over the provious five years when it was ordered closed down by the govern-ment-appointed panel, which took over its sister publication, Al Dustour. Other similar pancis took over the Jordan Press Foundation Company Limited, which publishes the Al Ra'i, the largest circulation Arabic language newspapr in Jordan, and the Jordan Times, and the Dar Al Shaab com-

adopted by the Economic Security Committee (ESC) in August 1988. One of the first actions by the government of Mudar Badran, who took power in early

December, was a reversal of

pany, which publishes Sawt Al

Shaab, under a decision

the ESC decision, and now all the three newspaper establishments have been returned to its former managements.

The appearance of the Star coincides with intense moves within the Ministry of Information to redefine its role and structure in line with the liberalisation process in the Kingdom. Information Minister Ibrahim Izzeddin, in an interview appearing in this week's the Star, gave further elaborations over the process but reaffirmed earlier denials that the ministry was expected to be

In remarks carried by Reuters Thursday, the minister raised the prospect that newspapers might be allowed for political parties. There is no final decision on new papers because this issue is connected with the licensing of political parties -- any legalised party will want to publish its own newspaper," be was quoted as

Nsour urges people to follow austerity plan

SALT (J.T.) - A leading member of the Lower House of Parliament has urged Jordanian citizens to follow an austerity and belttightening programme in the course of "confronting the coming stage and overcoming the present economic difficulties in

the Kingdom."
Abdullah Nsour, chairman of the House's financial committee, told a meeting in Salt Thursday that Bains Governorate had a lot of demands for improvement and development but the government's financial means were li-

mited and insufficient for them. Nsour, who represents the govemorate and the city of Salt in Parliament, said that the next stage in Jordan should witness proper handling of resources in

the best possible manner. "We should not burden the we are the treasury, and more debts for the government will mean that a bigger burden will be shouldered by the Jordanian people," Nsour told the rally, organised by the Al Salt Cultural

The rally was addressed by several other members of Parliament who urged cooperation and responsibility on the part of all citizens so that the process of democracy can succeed,

Several issues concerning public services and needs were discussed openly at the meeting, which was attended by repre-sentatives of various public sectors in Salt.

Fawzi Tuaimeh, Abdul Latif Arabiyat and Awni Al Bashir were the other Parliament members who addressed the rally held

Thursday evening. government with additional debts

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Economic and Social Orgaemployment opportunities for re-

These projects, he said, have been carried out in cooperation with local, Arab and foreign institutions. JESORS also initiated industrial, commercial and agri-

north to Agaba in the south to nisation for Retired Servicemen provide jobs for retired officers (JESORS) has drawnup plans to and to contribute to the national carry out expansion of its projects effort for increasing production, during 1990 in a bid to find he said.

> noted, the organisation has been helping retired servicemen in the rural regions to increase their income by providing loans and grants for the purchase of cattle and for providing vocational training to their children here and

The organisation has started a project for bottling Jordan River water that is sold in Europe and bringing in foreign cash for the country, he said.

JESORS plans expansion schemes for its projects

tired army personnel, according to JESORS Director General

Mustafa Al Ajjour. The organisation has todate implemented 25 development projects in different parts of the country and set up housing estates at Wadi Araba, and Hittieh, Aqaba, at a total cost of JD 4.5 million, Ajjour said.

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Most importantly, Ajjour

Culture Ministry to receive award entries

AMMAN (J.T.) - The door is now open for writers and intellectuals as well as scientists and artists to present their work to qualify for awards from the Ministry of Culture worth JD 5,000 to JD 10,000 each, Minister of Culture Khaled Al Karaki has

Cultural Centre.

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announced. The minister was quoted by the Al Ra'i Arabic daily as saying that the awards would be presented for works during 1990 in literature, science, social science

and arts. Writers can present work in poetry, literary criticism, theatre work, and story writing. The field of science covers a wide range of topics, including agriculture engincering, architecture and medicine. Social studies, according to Karaki, cover economics, history. archaeology and psychology among others.

The minister has named March 31 as the last date for the receipt of works for the competition. A special committee in each field will be set up to examine the

presented work. The awards for distinguished works in culture and science were first introduced in January 1989 by the then Minister of Culture and Information Mohammad Hammouri who said that distingnished writers and artists as well as scientists would be awarded prizes and certificates of ment.

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149 nurses, midwives graduate today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor 149 nurses and midwives will receive their graduation certificates from their respective colleges Saturday, Jan. 20, 1990, at the Palace of Culture.

The graduates include male and female nurses and midwives who have completed their nursing and midwifery training from the Ministry of Health colleges: The Jordan College of Nursing/Amman, Irbid College of Nursing and Midwifery, and Zarka Col-

lege of Nursing and Midwifery, The Jordan College of Nursing was established in 1952 and has graduated since then 35 batches of midwives and 34 batches of

nurses. The Zarka and Irbid colleges for nursing and midwifery were established in 1984 and has each graduated since then four batches of midwives and three batches of

The duration of training at these colleges is 36 months for nursing and 27 for midwifery.

The three college offer female trainces bousing and food in addition to a monthly salary of JD 40 throughout their training courses, and provides male trainees with uniforms and a monthly salary of JD 40. Employment is ensured for these graduates at the Ministry of Health hospitals and clinics upon their graduation.

The Ministry of Health is currently working on the construction of new premises for its nursing colleges in Amman, Zarka and Irbid.

The ministry's plan is to increase the capacity of its colleges and develop its curricula and teaching methods in order to achieve its aims of self-sufficiency in the year 2000.

A total of 550 foreign nurses are currently employed in Jordan. They make up on third of the total number of nurses working in the Kingdom's hospitals and clinics. It is hoped that the new colleges will graduate an average of 180-200 nurses each year, which is expected to decrease the need for foreign

Panel on freedoms will reinstate fired workers

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appeal to the Parliament which

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Azaideh said, currently studies

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Azaideh said the Committee

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public from their job to present an Freedoms and Human Rights Committee will ensure that all employees fired for political reasons return to work and will inform the Lower House of Parliament on the seriousness of efforts exerted in this regard. according to Deputy Ahmad Azaideh who heads the Committee.

"The fact that they were fired randomly necessitates undertaking effective measures to reinstate them in their jobs."

Azaideh said Friday. He called on every citizen fired

House to debate death at hospital

Saturday to discuss Deputy death of Imad Yousef Aziz Has- nistrative fields to pursue studies pital and Deputy Abdul Hafiz College, and allowing community Alawi's proposal on electing a college graduates to pursue unisecurity, defence, and armed versity studies. forces committee.

The agenda of the meeting, expected to be attended by Prime Minister Mudar Badran and the cabinet, includes a number of proposals incuding calls to establish a nursing college at the University of Mu'ta and an agricultural insurance company to compensate farmers in years of drought, and for entrusting the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) to distribute some lands to people from the villages of Taybeh and

House of Parliament will meet lege certificate to become a bachelor degree certificate, per-Fakhri Kawar's enquiry about the mitting teachers working in admisan at the Jordan University Hos- at the Teachers Rehabilitation

The agenda also includes proposals related to medical insurance for all citizens, reducing the number of vehicles ministers and directors use for personal pur-poses, and increasing salaries of retired military and civilians. The agenda also includes approval of the temporary amended general administrative law and rejection of the temporary licences law for Amman, and other laws.

Parliament will discuss other urgent matters if necessary.

Tafileh demands better roads and maintenance

AMMAN (J.T.) - The mayor of the southern town of Tafileh. Suleiman Al Hreishan, has called on the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment to speed up procedures for granting a JD 150,000 loan to Tafileh Municipality to enable it to carry out maintenance work on roads and streets.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, Friday quoted the mayor as saying there were no plans for any improvement in road conditions in his town as long as the municipality had no sufficient funds to finance them.

The mayor was responding to demands by the townspeople for better roads and better municipal services and recreational facili-

Hani Daoudieh from the Baqee' district said that the roads were full of pits and so narrow that a small car can barely pass through.

Khaled Al Qaisi said that the roads were in such bad conditions that they not only obstruct traffic in winter and summer but also stand as an obstacle in the path of offering emergency services when vate institutions, and unions. He said the Committee also reviews the conditions of imprisoned people. The committee is looking into the possibility of having a general or private amnesty decree issued depending on individual

"The Committee will follow up the conditions of Jo. danians living abroad and eliminate any injustice or violations of rights perpetrated against them by a state or an organisation so as to preserve Jordan's prestige." Azaideh asserted.

Symposium urgespeople to donate blood

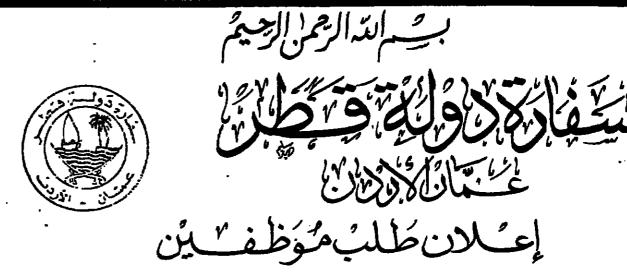
AMMAN (J.T.) - A five-day regional symposium on ways to encourage people to donate blood and means of preserving blood for emergency use ended in Amman on Thursday.

The symposium, organised in cooperation with the World Health Organisation (WHO), discussed several topics including case studies on blood donation procedures in the Islamic World. China and West Bengal, according to officials at the blood bank in Amman. They said discussions centred on the different sectors of citizens who can donate blood and affirmed the need for all sectors to support national blood donation campaigns.

Blood Bank Director Janet Merza said that the symposium was part of a WHO campaign designed to encourage people in Third World to donate blood needed by hospitals and health centres at all times.

The symposium was part of the general endeavour to promote the skill and efficiency of blood bank officials in better controlling the quality of blood, Merza said.

She said the symposium's recommendations would be published in the coming few days in their final version. The symposium heard calls by WHO officials and other delegates for more efforts to encourage Third World countries to become self-sufficient in blood.



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Remembering true friends

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's visit to Jordan last week has many meanings and implications. To begin with, it portrays the kind of fraternal relations between the Iraqi leader and His Majesty King Hussein that are in short supply in inter-Arab relations. The impeccably strong bonds that were nurtured and developed between Jordan and Iraq, especially throughout the period when Iraq was waging a just war to stem Iranian aggression against the Arab World, have proved their worth at a time when Jordan became the target of foreign designs and conspiracies against its very existence. Against this backdrop, Saddam Hussein's visit to Amman must be viewed as a symbol of Iraqi solidarity and support to the Kingdom and a clear signal to all those forces that entertain hostile intentions against this country that Jordan does not stand

As a founding member of the Arab Cooperation Council, Jordan, as all the other members of the ACC, draws constant strength from it. With the passage of time and as the ACC grows stronger and firmer, each and every member of the Arab Cooperation Council stands to draw additional strength from the collective strength of the four Arab countries. It so happens that Iraq, a member of the ACC, has become a regional power that many countries, especially Israel, has to reckon with, Irag's recent spectacular technological achievements in rocketry have placed it on the top of Middle Eastern countries in terms of military and technological prowess. Both friend and foe must now reckon with Iraq's new strength. The rapid transformation of Iraq into a formidable Middle Eastern power is in no small part due to the leadership of President Saddam Hussein who worked feverishly day and night to make Iraq win an imposed war and then have his country leap forward into

The Iraqi leader and the Iraqi people, of course, remember Jordan's honourable and unwavering support to Iraq right from the start when the bets were placed in favour of Iran winning the war. King Hussein's placement of Jordan's full potential behind the Iraqi efforts to conclude its war with Iran was a principled decision that drew praise and appreciation from the entire Arab World. Clearly, neither the Iraqi leader nor his heroic people will ever forget King Hussein's and the Jordanian people's meaningful friendship and solidarity. Perhaps Saddam Hussein's last visit to his second country Jordan is a reminder that Iraq does not cease to remember its true friends and allies.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Friday reiterated a fact that the whole Arab World and the international community believe that the PLO remains the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. By trying to avoid this concept and to respond to the realities, the Israeli government is trying to stall further and delay any peace settlement by announcing that it will not deal with the PLO but with Palestinians from inside the occupied territories, said the paper. Any peace settlement of Israel's making, said the paper, will not be based on justice and will definitely never be comprehensive and lasting. The paper referred to His Majesty King Hussein's statement to the Jordan Times on Thursday in which he said that the PLO has already offered all that it can offer and placed its cards on the table, awaiting a response from the Israeli side which has never come. The paper said that Israel which is placing obstacles in the path of peace is known to the whole world now that it is fighting the idea of peace and an end to conflict in the Middle East area. It said that Israel's settlement policies, its absorption of thousands of Jews to be settled on occupied Arab land stand as a major witness to Israel's aggressive plans and its evil nature.

Writing in Al Ra'i paper columnist Ghazi Alsadi expresses the view that Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit to the United States is part of Israel's strategy to stall for time and delay any peace settlement in the Middle East. No one can deny that Rabin will be arranging for more aid to Israel, but in his talks with American leaders, especially James Baker, the Israeli official will try to justify Israel's present policy and will not succumb to any pressure from Washington to deal with the PLO or respond to the requirements of a lasting peace, Sadi notes. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is willing to delay peace negotiations and the elections in the occupied territories as long as possible, because he realises that the start of negotiations will signal the beginning of talks with the PLO, the writeradds. What Rabin will do in Washington, the writer says, is to convince the United States of Israel's view, and eventually perpetuate the current stalemate, and abort any moves towards a Middle East settlement.

Al Dustour on Friday paid tribute to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein who has just concluded a two day visit to Amman. The paper said that the enthusiastic welcome accorded to the Iraqi leader in Amman reflects parts of the deep pride in Iraqi's successes in the war and its continued sacrifice to defend the Arab Nation. The paper said that the Iraqi armed forces achieved victory for the Arab Nation in the eight year war with Iran, and ushered in a new era for the resurgence of Arab might that can deter any enemy from planning aggression on the Arab World. The Jordanian people's feelings of support for Iraq and its people were expressed by King Hussein who saved no effort during the war in extending Jordan's assistance to the Iraqi people, the paper added. It sid that Jordan hopes that the Iraqi people will finally achieve the long-aspired peace with its neighbour so that the Gulf region can resume its march towards progress and prosperity.

How the Israeli right stifled the Post

By Erwin Frenkel

ON DECEMBER 25, I resigned as editor of The Jerusalem Post. It was a final, not tactical, act, for the cause was an irrevocable infringement by the publisher on the editor's authority.

The spasms in this newspaper that followed and the extensive

publicity in Israel and abroad. were, for me, astonishing. But many of these attempts to explain my action and its aftermath have been misleading or downright wrong. This includes at least parts of the statement to readers made by the publisher which appeared on these pages last Friday, Janu-

I wish here to put the record

straight.
Historically, in The Jerusalem Post, there was never a division of authority between publisher and editor. Gershon Agron, the founder, in 1932, was also the editor. His successors too, while accountable to ownership, were editors presiding over the whole enterorise. This arrangement is not uni-

que, though uncommon in news-paper chains. It assured, at least in principle, preeminence of the iournalistic interest in the operations and policies of the newspaper and the company.

When the company was purch-

esed last year by Hollinger Inc. of Toronto, this arrangement came to an end. A pulisher, also titled

By Tony Smith The Associated Press

PRAVEC, Bulgaria — More

than two months after hard-line

leader Todor Zhivkov was

ousted, ending over 40 years of fear-inspiring Communist rule in Bulgaria, signs of change are few

in his hometown, a sleepy lakeside

resort nestling among the moun-

People in Pravec -- like many

Bulgarians outside Sofia — still

have doubts that the sweeping

democratic reforms promised by

Zhivkov's Communist successors

will materialise in the near future,

reflecting widespread fears of a

continuation of "Zhivkovism

On a narrow, fir tree-lined

lane, Zhivkov's family house — one of more than 30 luxurious

residences he kept nationwide —

is shuttered up, the white-walled garden decked in snow untrodden

Heft, stone street signs that

until recently bore the name of

Zhivkov's mother, Marutsa Zhiv-

kova, have been replaced by new

plaques, dubbing the road Vassil

Levsky — after Bulgaria's most

In Sofia, the capital, tens of

thousands of pro-democracy de-monstrators have taken to the

streets regularly since the former

leader's overthrow Nov. 10, de-

manding quicker steps towards

democracy from former foreign

minister-turned-reformist leader

But although only 30

kilometres away, Pravec could be

change whatsoever," said Velin Ogledalov, chief cook at the pagoda-roofed Shatra restaurant,

where Zhivkov often held state

dinners for visitors that included

former Romanian dictator - and

honorary Pravec citizen - Nico-

By Kathy Wilhelm

The Associated Press

BELJING - With China's best-

known dissidents jailed, exiled or

in hiding, a popular folk singer is

trying to fill the void with protest

songs and calls for democracy.

stupidest, most amateur dissi-

dent," Hou Dejian said, laughing

and shaking his head in mock

self-ridicule during a recent inter-

friends who were dissidents,

but... I'm a professional musi-

cian," he said, with elaborate emphasis. "But right now, I'm

trying to figure out how to be-

Hou, 33, is no ordinary main-

land musician: He is the

Taiwanese-born son of a

Nationalist solidier who fought against the Communists. Seeking

his roots, Hou visited the Com-

munist mainland as an estab-

lished star in 1983 and decided to

stay.
The darling of the government

he was allowed to keep living like

a star, with two homes and two

cars, one a maroon Mercedes

The skinny, chain-smoking Hou, usually clad in black leather

jacket and boots, is famous

among Chinese on the mainland,

Taiwan and Hong Kong for his

Bob Dylan-influenced songs ab-

out social concerns, such as the

come a passable dissident."

"I'm not a politician. I had

You could say I'm the world's

"The Bulgarians are thinking

we have taken a load off our

"In principle there has been no

revered national hero.

Petar Mladenov.

another world.

tains northeast of Sofia.

without Zhivkov."

for weeks.

president, was installed, directly representing the proprietor. With that came a new problem: where, in relation to the editor, would the publisher's authority stop? Who would ultimately preside over the editorial product?

There are no standard answers to that question. They vary with the variety of newspapers and proprietors. The owners of Hollinger declined from the outset to define the editor's authority in an agreed written document. Resolution was left, therefore, to the experience of the day to day.

I respected the proprietor's right to prefer that course. But in doing so, I also noted red lines of editorial prerogative whose in-fringement would be unaccept-able. While the proprietor may own the newspaper, he does not own the minds of those who make

That is the nub of the matter. Journalism is, above all, an enter-prise in social judgment. The object of that judgment is the historical present, the fast flood of daily events. Journalism plucks from this infinite flow those events deemed worthy of public regard, reporting them as honest witness. That it calls news. It assigns such news events weights of importance and interest. And it seeks, by further interpretative judgment, to help place those events in a more explicit context

of narrative understanding.
It does all this on behalf of the

society of which it is a part, in the conviction that the "news" it so delivers is essential feedback in had never made a news judghelping that society best steer itself. In that sense, journalism is guardian of a public trust.

In a newspaper this process of judgment is a collective effort. It has checks and balances. But judgment it remains. For that reason all newspapers have a character of their own, telling the story of the present as they per-

To give that collective judgment coherence and to protect it from influences that would divert it in their favour, there is the editor and his authority. In the end, it is his voice, his judgment over what is fit to print, that would save this collective process from chaos or corruption. So long as his judgment of what is fit to print is not suspect of fear of

Now this process of journalist judgment may not precisely describe a profession. But it does describe a commitment. A commitment to its own integrity. When that integrity is intact, the newsman's unforgiving passion to inform, to tell the present's story, turns his job into his love.

But when that integrity is violated, when that judgment suffers bent, the air goes out. The vocation turns into alienation from self.

The publisher of The Jeru-

ment. He had never been in the grip of the journalist's passion to inform. His career and his personal achievements lay elsewhere, in military and then public

s mandate, from the proprs, to preside over the company as a whole, also did little to prepare him for jousting with an editor and editorial staff honed on the independence they had for so long enjoyed. That independence, it deserves noting, had, in my 14 years as editor, and in the experience of my former col-league Ari Rath, been absolute, though the previous owners were economic institutions of the

Labour Movement.

The new publisher was also quickly subject to appeals from this newspaper's detractor, especially from the political right. They would prefer The Jerusalem Post, because of its language, to be Israel's window to the world rather than its readers' window on Israel. What the detractors condone in the Hebrew press, even if sometimes with gritted teeth, they would prefer to stifle or sweeten in English. Given this newspaper's consitent warnings of the perils of occupation and its unvarnished reports of the intifada, the hopes of those, in high places and low, who sought a more palatable Jerusalem Post

kov associates from parliament,

followed by a full election in

trying for change, but all we've

had up to now is the nationalities

Tensions flared between

Bulgarian nationalists and the country's estimated 1.5 million

problem," said Angelov.

"People feel freer, and we're

November.

were quickened by installation of the new publisher

The ingredients for conflict between the publisher and this editor were thus in place. Gradually, despite mutual attempts to respect the contrasting views and prerogatives, they emerged. And in the process, an increasingly anxious editorial staff felt cause to wonder whether the editor's voice would continue to prevail, or whether the publisher would, if not in name then in practice, ultimately command the collective journalist effort.

The issue was abruptly joined when the publisher, applying for admission to the Israel Editor's Committee, wrote that he intended to involve himself ever more in editorial matters, "with all that this implies," though he refrained for the moment from "appointing himself the responsi-ble editor." Over those words. I

submitted my resignation.

If the publisher felt he had the authority and mandate from the proprietors to preside over the newspaper's editorial voice whenever he saw fit, there was, I explained, no reason for delay. For by making that explicit, he had, in essence, already displaced the editor. He should then take the title himself or hire an editor willing to speak in his voice.

reporters with whom I had worked initimately, and others, then resigned in my wake. They anticipated a Jerusalem Post no longer hospitable to their understanding of its purpose. And they feared that the integrity of their own journalistic judgments would no longer be honoured. In resigning, these journalists risked their careers, their livelihoods and, in some cases, their families' fu-

That, in brief, is the record. In his statement to the readers of this newspaper, the publisher sought to personalise these de-velopments. My resignation was largely rooted in personality, the resignations that followed reflected ulterior motives, the special agenda of a small group, intent, among other things, on

defying management.

That reading of what occurred conveniently trivialises the substance of the issues. That substance is the character of The Jerusalem Post, its discharge of the public trust under the proprietorship of Hollinger Inc. and the command

of the new publisher.

It will, in the weeks and months ahead, be for the readers to decide whether they have been well served by these changes -The Jerusalem Post.

OPEN FORUM

American bashing?

FIRST of all I disagree with Mariam Shahin's title concerning her FIRST of all I disagree with Mariam Shanin's time concerning her. Focus on People, "Kiss me-I'm Arabian" as inappropriate and misleading in her presentation of her coverage of the very distinguished and intelligent James Zogby.

If Ms. Shahin is "America bashing" then why does she extenuate her article to the subject of such an inadequate title for

more than differing about equality and lack of opportunity for minorities, it is American morals which should be "bashed" from an Arab point of view as well as such cheap display of one's nationality on a T-shirt, "Kiss me-I'm Arabian" which is an invitation to cheap demoralising behaviour and is totally irrelevant. If something must be written, why not write, "Hi! I'm an

Second, before any journalist makes a statement he or she should be willing to back it up with fact. "While America, since its creation, did sport the face of Miss Liberty, it did not always do what it preached." This is an incorrect statement. Fact: America was discovered in 1492 by Christopher Columbus. Fact: the Statue of Liberty was not exected until many years after the American Civil War (1861-1865). Fact: the Statue of Liberty commemorates the friendship of the peoples of the United States and France. It stands 305 feet (93 metres) high from foundation to torch. It represents a woman holding a touch im her raised right hand and a tablet bearing the date July 4, 1776 (the date of the publication of

the Declaration of Independence) in her left.

Fact: a French historian, Edouard de laboulaye made the proposal for the statue after the American Civil War. The statue was designed by Alexander-Gustave Eiffel in 1885, Eiffel also completed statue made in France weighing 225 tons was disassembled and shipped to New York City. The pedestal for the statue was completed later. The Statue of Liberty is formally known as "Liberty Englightening The World." It is situated on Liberty Island in the Upper Bay of New York Harbour. The statue was mounted on its pedestal and was dedicated by President Grover Clereland on October 28, 1886. The statue was not even declared a national monument until 1924, therefore, obviously the Statue of Liberty has not been in America since its "creation" and God

created America as well as the rest of the world. America, it is true, can be criticised from various idealistic points of view, but it is one of the few countries in the world where any man can fight for his rights. He may not always win, but at least he can fight. It is one of the few countries where such great men as Dr. Martin Luther King could be "brave" and struggle for the ethnic democratic freedom of not only blacks but all minority

America is not perfect democracy but at least most Americans have more political and economic opportunities than citizens of many other countries in the world. However, the fact that various ethnic groups have not achieved equality has troubled many Americans. The population of the United States is probably the most widely diverse of any nation in the world. The U.S. is not homogeneous — it is a pluralistic society — "a nation of groups."
During the early 1970s, a strong trend among minorities to organise groups to press for social change made the American people increasingly conscious of the characteristics of the various ethnic and racial groups that make up the national population. America is a country where great men such as James Zogby can

America is a country where great men such as james 20g0y construggle for the rights of ethnic groups as Arab Americans as well as help shape a great political influence for the total American outlook towards the Middle East and as the very esteemed Mr. Zogby put it, we as Arabs have to do more to enable not only America but all the world to pay attention to us as those real and brave Palestinians are doing by their intifada. We can also use ou political voice by education, intelligence and unity as a decisive force to be dealt with.

Therefore, I think Mariam Shahin would have done more justice in her presentation of her article about James Zogby by picking a more appropriate title and to delete her insignificant "America hashing." In order to defeat, or overcome your enemy you must first know him and I don't think Ms. Shahin is very qualified on this point. By the way, I am an American so I know what I'm talking about which is the idea behind good journalism, to know your subject and to back it up with facts!

LETTERS

Halawa

To the Editor.

A WORD of warning to your readers who plan to travel out of Queen Alia International Air-

Apparently, the authorities at that airport have uncovered a potentially dangerous material, and have decided to add it to the list of dangerous materials compiled by ICAO/IATA. The name of this hazardous matter is Halawa. Yes, Halawa!

I was at Queen Alia Airport last Friday morning seeing my family off, when I witnessed a gentleman arguing angrily with one of the security officials. Apparently, his son was carrying a box of this "explosive" in his hand baggage,

and the security official refused to let it through. There was no explanation given for this strange decision, except that it was forbidden to carry halawa. Having spent more than a decade in the Arab World, I am familiar with

already passed through the mer al detector with the halawa in it. Surely, if there were anything in that box, the detector would have shown it, unless these expensive machines are not functioning and are there just for the sake of

Cisire de la Plume

Bulgarians still waiting to see signs of promised democracy

shoulders -- but there is stil lfear," said Ogledalov.

"Department Six (secret police) used to be everywhere. And they're still there, only now they're smiling," he added.

independent trade union, which is campaigning for multi-party democracy, private enterprise and free-market economics.

He claims he is not afraid, but nroom around him for eavesdrop-

"The old leaders are all still there. Only the moment they start falling, can we begin making real changes," he said.

According to leading opposi-

tion figure Petar Beron, Zhivkov is currently at his Boyana residence near Sofia, being "protected from the wrath of the people."

Beron said Zhivkov, his family and closest cronies would likely be tried, but indicated a parliament-led commission investigating abuses of power during the clique's 35-year rule would stop short of unearthing evidence of corruption by other leading Communists who are "very much still

at large." Parliament on Monday struck the Communists' guaranteed leading role in society from the constitution, putting Bulgaria on par with East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

He became known to Wester-

ners in the final days of China's

student democracy movement

last spring, when he and three

friends began a hunger strike in

Tiananmen Square to protest

martial law. Many students were

already leaving the square out of

fear, and the hunger strike in-

fused the movement with new

June 4, when tanks poised on the

square's edge, Hou negotiated with the army to allow the re-

maining students to retreat

peacefully, possibly saving hun-

the spirit of democracy alive, taking advantage of his relative

freedom as a defector.

Now, he is again trying to keep

"I can say more than ordinary

Chinese," Hou said. So he has

begun "making a little noise,"

giving interviews to foreign jour-

nalists and singing for them the half-dozen songs he has written

about the democracy movement

company can record now.

endangered pandas, and about spread our wings," one ballad

- songs he knows no mainland

"Friends who love freedom,

dreds of lives.

Less than 48 hours later on

Singer steps into

gap left by China's silenced dissidents

On Tuesday, the Communist Party agreed to allow pro-democracy groups to publish their own newspaper and said they would be granted offices in Sofia, but rejected a demand for opposition In early January, the burly access to radio and television:

34-year-old set up Pravec's first Access to the media is interest. portant in Bulgaira, which is isolated from Western and all East Bloc broadcasts except Soviet

For the time being, the Balkan country still remains, at least constitutionally," a socialist state...

Major steps to fuller democracy, that took weeks in East Germany and days in Czechoslovakia, are still looking ponderous in Bulgaria.

"All our neighbour countries are ahead of us now," said Emil Angelov, 21, a medical student from Pravec.

Opposition leaders are not so sure. Zhelio Zhelev, president of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces says his group might not be prepared in time for general election Mladenov has pledged

Communists, Zhelev has called

goes."Listen carefully, no one

can lie again. Open your eyes, no one can twist the truth again."

philosophy of government or

theories about the relative merits

tical scientist. I say, ask all the

Chinese people and then decide."

All he wants is provide an alternative to the Communist

Party voice that has filled the

airwaves and newspapers since

June with releatless condemna-

tion of the democracy movement.

voices that doesn't mean there's

stability," he said, picking words

carefully while he picked out

culture. A real change would

mean changing the slaves, not

changing the tyrant. Although it's

been slow, there is change. Most

people in Beijing took part in the

movement and... they are not as

away his feeling of being an out-

Hou said the movement wiped

That is why during the sum-

afraid as before."

sider on the mainland.

"We have an ancient tyrant

chords on his electric guitar.

"Because you can't bear other

of Communism. "I'm not a poli-

Hou has not worked out any

headed by the working class."

But he is optimistic that "time

will take its course — if we really have free elections, (the Communists) will lose.'

Claiming state-controlled media is still biased towards the

ethnic Turks and Muslims, after the Communists on Dec. 29 re-

versed Zhivkov's harsh ethnic assimilation policy that banned Turkish names and language and Muslim religious rites. The decision sparked protests. strikes and a red-hot, but timeconsuming, national debate that

seemed to distract attention from calls for more and faster political Some opposition figures have even accessed veteran local party officials of inciting hatred among

the nationalists, in a last-ditch attempt to hold on to power. "It basically put our struggle for more democracy on ice and I that much in the near future,

said Zhelev. Both Ogledalov and Angelov said the tensions have been used to postpone painful decisions on Bulgaria's real problems — its one-party system and tattered, centrally-planned economy.

In Pravec, a few inhabitants laugh and joke about Zhivkov now. But most are reluctant to talk about the man known familiarly as "Toshko," who Ogledalov remembers as "jovial and hearty with a good sense of humour and a good network of bodyguards."

Zhivkov made Pravec a socialist showpiece, and its inhabitants were often resented for their pretty, low-rise housing, clean air and well-stocked stores - rarities in Many Bulgarian towns.

"But we weren't privileged," said O', edalov, "every month we had to scrub every inch of the town with our own hands before (Zhivkov) arrived."

for two-stage elections, with a vote in May to eject close Zhiv-

Australian embassy in Beijing, he did not apply for asylum. He came out Aug. 15, as soon as the foreign ministry promised he would not be arrested or deported.

Some Chinese suspected a deal

when he told government television two days later that he did not see anyone killed in Tiananmen Square during the June 3-4 army Authorities insist no one died

in the square, while acknowledging about 300 deaths elsewhere in the city. Many Chinese say the toll was much higher, and Western security sources say the toll may have been 3,000. But Hou said he made no deal. "I can only_say I didn't see

anyone die. That doesn't prove no one died.' Two of the three friends who

went on hunger strike with Hou remain jailed. One was freed in December. Hou was tailed by police for a while, and has not been allowed

so far to travel inside China or to Australia, where his wife, pop singer Cheng Lin, fled in June. But his main punishment has been loss of his career. Stores have been told not to sell his records, and the cannot sing his new songs In public. Hou said he has no interest in singing the old

He has begun selling his music equipment for money. "I had a mer, when he hid from police for lot of money but I spent a lot," he more than two months in the said with a grin. "I don't save."

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appearance.



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Information. Le ministre de l'Information a indique jeudi dans une interview à l'hebdomadaire "Star", qu'il ne considérait plus son ministère comme une structure "directive" mus chargée de "réglementer les professions liées à l'information" dans le royaume. Ibrahim l'aziddine, qui a réfuté

toutes les rumeurs de suppression de son ministère, à laissé entendre que

même les lois sur la presse seront sujettes à des modifications". Il a par ailleurs reconnu que des demandes de licences de publication his avaient d'ores et déjà été soumises et que la paissance de nouveaux journaux dans le

Réfugiés. Le nombre de Palestiniens, quittant les territoires occupés pour la Jordanie, a presque quintuplé depuis le début de l'Intifada, en décembre 1987, a révélé cette semaine le ministère de l'Intérieur jordanien. Selon

Mohammed Adwan, responsable du département de contrôle et d'inspection, ce nombre "double tous les ans depuis la révolte des habitants" de

Cisjordanie et de Gaza. Il est ainsi passé de 5.175 en 1987 à 24.324 en 1989, soit 34.351 en deux ans. 45. 594 Palestiniens se sont refugiés en Jordanie

depuis 1983. Près de la moitié d'entre eux ont ensuite émigré vers d'autres

Barrage. Le creusement du canal de 923 mètres de long, destiné à détourner

les eaux du Yarmouk à la frontière jordano-syrienne est achevé, a annoncé lundi le ministère jordanien de l'Esu et de l'Irrigation. D'un coût de près de 3,5 millions de dollars, cet ouvrage représente la première phase de construction du barrage al-Wahda. La deuxième tranche de travaux, qui

consiste dans la mise en place d'un mur de 100 mètres de haut en travers du fleuve et d'une centrale thermique, doit donner lieu à des appeis d'offres des cette année. Estimés à 350 millions de dollars, les travaux devraient débuter en 1991 et duter 4 ans. Le projet d'al-Wahda, adopté par Amman et Damas

en 1987, permettra au royaume de doubler la surface de ses terres cultivées et

d'alimenter la capitale ainsi que sa banlieue en eau potable. La Syrie bénéficiera pour sa part de 75% de l'électricité produite par le bayrage.

USA-Israël. Les partis politiques israéliens se sont tous déclarés inquiets mercredi après les propositions du sénateur américain Bob Dole de réduire de 5% l'aide de Washington à certains de ses alliés traditionnels, dont Israèl, qui bénéficile anuellement d'une enveloppe de 3 milliards de dollars. Présenté par le leader de la minorité républicaine au Sénat comme un moyen de débloquer des fonds acus de l'Estate de l'Estate

des fonds pour les "nouvelles démocraties" d'Europe de l'Est ou du Panama, ce projet a d'autant plus été pris au sérieux, qu'il intervient au lendemain du

rappel par la Maison Blanche que son aide économique et militaire à l'Etat hébreu n'était pas destiné à coloniser les territories occupés. Rappel motivé

par les déclarations d'Yuzhak Shamir dimanche dernier en faveur d'un

'grand Israel" pour installer les immigrants juis d'URSS. Le premier ministre israélien est d'ailleurs revenu sur ses propos cette semaine, précisant que "personne ne forcera" ces derniers à s'implanter en Cisjordanie ou à

Caucase. La situation restait très tendue hier soir dans le Caucase soviétique.

où Azerbaidianais et Arméniens s'affrontaient toujours malgré l'envoi-

mardi, de 11.000 soldats et membres des forces speciales de l'Armée Rouge.

Jeudi, les habitants de Bakou, capitale de l'Azerbaïdjan, ont déclenché une

grève générale et érigé des barricades pour empècher l'entrée des blindés dams la ville. Depuis le 10 janvier, les violences anti-arménieennes ont fait au

Assassinat. Le maire des XIVe et XVe arrondissements de Marseille (sud de

la France) a été tué par balles dans sa voiture mardi soir par deux hommes

cagoulés, qui ont reussi à prendre la fuite. Ancien conseiller municipal de Gaston Deferre, le Dr. Jean-Jacques Peschard était un proche du senateur-maire de la ville, Robert Vigouroux, et membre de la commission municipale

de l'urbanisme. Agé de 58 ans, M. Peschard était chirurgien et père de 4

ldée. Les missiles nucléaires soviétiques usagés ont un avenir, depuis qu'un

moins une soixantaine de morts et plus de 200 blessés dans le pays.

pays accompagnerait sans doute la réapparition des partis politiques.

EN BREF

Locataire depuis sa création, la FAHS espère s'installer dans ces

Basace chaque année la publication de livres, principalement dans le sec-teur agronome. Elle remet des prix aux scientifiques arabes et emeig-mants en sciences jordaniens, «Noos

préférons ne pas devenir nous-mêmes

complexes at pas develor notes memors editeurs pour éviter de perdre la somplexes de notre structure, souligne son directeur, le Dr Assad Abdul Rahman.

Douze aus après sa création, la réalisation mujeure de l'austitution

demesse son courte de documenta-tion, principalement consect sux socreurs scientifiques et technologi-

ques. «C'est l'alternative que nous avons trouvée à la méconnaismente,

per les Arabes ens-mêmes, de leur potentiel», affirme Zakaria Haj Hamad.

n'est d'ailleurs par un abonnement à

proprement parler, puisque l'argent seur est restitué dès qu'ils le dési-

rents, poursui-il.

Ces hesités d'accès n'expliquent cependant qu'une partie du succès de la bibliothèque. Son assut principal

Lala Et à l'égard des autres forces politiques; dont les islamistes?

Y.Z.: Nous tendons la main à tous, y

compris mus Frères musimans, pour huter contre le chômage, la dette, la crise économique. Nons n'avons d'animosité envers personne. La force des Frères vican de la liberté conta dons de inviscan de la liberté

totale, dont ils jonissent depuis 40 ann. Faute de programme politique, ils utilisent aujourd bui le nôtre. Nons

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«Participer, directement on indirectement, à la recherche scientifique dans je monde arabe», tant fondamentale qu'expérimentale; «contribuer à la formation et au développement d'une génération de Spécialistes arabes»: tels se présentaient les objectifs de la Fondation Abdul Humsed Shoman. Se

Avec un fonds de 31.351 livres es périodiques, la bibliothèque de la Foudation Abdel Flameed Shoman (FAHS) constitue majourd'hus l'un des centres de rigname hachémise. Au même sitre que les mivenirs du la constitue de propiete mivenirs du la constitue de la pays, la Société atleutifique royale, ou encore la bibliothèque municipale

Les Jordanieus ne s'y trompent d'ailleurs pas: depuis son immenta-tion en 1986, ils sont plus de 251.000 à avoir fréquenté les trois étages qui lui sont réservés sur les six de bétiment lout par la Fondaction à Simelsani. Trais étages estaction à Simelsani. Trois étages ouverts gratuites public, sept jours sur sept, d'un bout 2 l'autre de l'année

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A en lire le henchare de présenta-tion de la FAHS, on est rependant tien loin des objectifs que s'étaient lixés ses fondateurs et bailleurs de fixés ses fundateurs et bailleurs de fonds, à sa eréation en 1978. Emanation de la Banque Arabe, dont le siège n'est séparé d'elle que de quelques centaines de mètres, la Fondation se votabil originelleusent ime structure d'incliation au de souten à la recherche scientifique et à la formation d'une véritable «génération de spécialistes» dans le monde arabe. Taut en stiences foudamentales ou soutenant de membres foudamentales ou soutenant de la contration de spécialistes.

En chir: jouer le rôle de mécène des techniques et de la technologie, au service du développement régional. «C'est une idéc qui se saus dans la droite ligne de l'oeuvre personnelle d'Abdul Hamoed Shoman, le fondateur de la Banque Arabe (voir encadré]-, souligne le responsable de la bibliothèque de la FAHS, Zakaria Haj Hamad.

Malgré un budget annuel corres-pondant à 2% du bénéfice de l'étabissement financies (#), la Fondation n'est pas parvenue à concrétiser ses projets, dont célui d'ouvrir un centre de recherche et d'expérimentations. équipé à ses trais, pour les scientifiques. «Ce n'est pas un problème de fonds, mais bien plutôt l'absence de statistiques exactes sur les potentiels humains et les besoins récis de monde arabe, qui constitue l'obstacle maieurà une entreprise de cette envergure. Il n'existe encore aucune étude glob-able et exhaustive à cette échelles, poursuit Zakaria Haj Hamad.

A défaut de laboratoires, la PAHS

Ya'comb Zayadine: Rien n'est str, mais je l'espère. De même que j'es-

père obtenir l'autorisation pour le

PCJ d'avoir un journal. Il était temps,

grand temps, d'abolir les lois de répression anti-communistes dans le

pays. Notre parti est le premier à

avoir vu le jour en Jordanie en 1951.

Depuis, cette époque, nous avons été persécutés pour nos idées et forcés à

la clandestinité. Nous avons torsiours

lutté pour les libertés, l'indépend-

ance, le droit au travail pour tous...

Ce sont aujourd'hui les priorités nationales. Tant mieux.

L.J.: La décision du gouvernez

marque un changement notable par rapport au passé. Pour l'Etat, nationalisme arabe et communiume

Suppression de la joi anti-communiste

Le gouvernement jordanien a décidé mercredi de supprimer

la loi dite de "lutte coutre le communisme" et ses amendements

de 1953, conformément au processus démocratique engagé par

l'équipe de Moudar Badrane. Mesure saluée par Y'acoub

Le Jourdaise Voyez-vous dans la mp-pression de la lei anti-communiste un présude à la légalisation du PCJ?

qu'il propose de bous produits à des présude à la légalisation du PCJ?

"Il était grand temps"

voir son parti sortir de 39 ans de clandestinité.

présentaient, car depuis son installation à Amman en 1978, la FAHS s'est peu à neu transformée en centre nitra-moderne de documentation, unique en Jordanie. Faute d'études globales et précises sur les ressources humaines et les besoins scientifiques des navs du Proche et Moyen Orient.

réside dans la banque de dennées la Palestine. «Une étude, d'un coût de 5.000 dinars, est actuellement en 35.000 ardeles, journaux ou livres cours pour ce projet», précise Ghassont répertoriés et classifiés dans l'ordinateur de la Fondation et accessi-bles sur plus d'une trentaine d'écrats.

50 bibliothèques jordaniennes. Micux: elle lui a permis récomment

de connecter ses services avec l'université du Yarmouk, à Irbid,

l'academie jordanienne de langue arabe et même l'université palesti-nienne de Bir Zeit, en Cisjordanie.

Dans un proche avenir, nous serons également en linison avec l'Institut du monde arabe à Paris», ajoute le re-

sponsable du département d'informa-non de la Fondation, Ghassau

Pour lui, c'est d'ailleurs là que se trouve l'avenir de la FAHS. «L'idée du centre de recherche est plus ou

moins abandonnée. Nous sentons qu'il est peut-être plus efficace d'aid-er les organismes déjà établis, pour-suit-il. Nous voulons répondre aux

besoint qui sont exprimés par nos visiteurs. C'est pourquoi, dans le pro-

jet de construccion de nos propres locaux, dans les 5 ans à venir, nous

prévoyons d'étendre la surface de la

bibliothèque, des conserver un hall d'expositions artistiques et d'ouvrir

Quant aux projets, ils restent nom-breux: depuis la création d'une bau-que de données sur les études scien-tifiques dans le monde arabe à partir

des années 1850, jusqu'à la constitu-tion d'un fonds de documentation sur

Premier organisme à avoir utilisé le système canadien «Mimotis», intégralement arabisé par le centre de documentation de la Ligue arabe, la (#) Ce budget est calculé à partir des-blacfices globaux des 103 successales de la Banque Arabe. En 1988, il s'est élevé à 85 millions de dollars. La Fondation dispose FAHS se retrouve aujourd'hui en mesure de proposer une information numeros de dollars. La Fondation dispose d'un compte propre à Genève où sont automatiquement déponés ses fonds. exhaustive sur les fonds des quelque

Alein Renon.

cours pour ce projet», précise Ghas-

san Abdollah



Sa documentation, entiètement informatisée, représente l'atout majeur de la

Abdul Harneed Shoman

L'empire d'un nationaliste philanthrope

Fondateur de la Banque Arabe, un empire financier de dimension mondiale. Abdul Hameed Shoman (1890-1974) n'était pas un banquier ordinaire. Pendant 60 ans, il a mis sa réussite professionnelle au service du développement intellectuel et scientifique du monde arabe.

Abdul Hameed Shoman est né en 1890 au sein d'une famille misée de Beit Hanina, un village proche de Jérusalem. Dès l'age de 7 ans, il quitte l'école pour travailler. D'abord comme ouvrier dans la carrieère de pierres de son père. Tacheron, il transporte quoti-diennement roes ou sables aux architectes de la Ville Sainte. Au départ de ses frères pour le service mintaire, c'est lui qui prend en charge la direction de l'entreprise familale.

En 1911 cependant, il décide d'émigrer, contre l'avis de ses pa-rents. Avec à peine 23 livres de l'époque en poche, il prend le chemin des Etats-Unis. La réussite lui sourit rapidement. Au sortir de la première guerre mondiale, il est à la tête d'une usine de confection et fournit des milliers de boutique

new-yorkaises. Les affaires vont bon train, mais le coeur du jeune Shorran est toujours on terre arabe. Aussi metil sa fortune navisante au profit de ses compatriotes immigrés comme lui. Il finance notame struction d'un cimetière musulman dans la métropole américaine, dis-tribue des fonds à des associations et à des journaux arabes aux États-

En 1929, il revient en Palestine. Avec une idée : y établir une institution financière arabe. L'année suivante, c'est chose faite. La Banque Arabe est née, dotte d'un capital de 15,000 livres, dont 99% sont fournis par son fondateur, qu rève d'étendre son établissement à l'ensemble des pays arabes.

Un premier pas est franchi en 1939, avec l'ouverture d'une suc-

cursale à Amman. Un exploit, au regard des crises et des guerres, qui marquent la période. Shoman en parit même personnellement: il est emprisonne à deux reprises par les Britanniques pour son soutien financier au mouvement nationaliste palestinien.

Rien n'arrête pourtant le développement de la Banque Arabe. Au fil des années, Abdul Hameed Shoman en tisse la toile internationale, qui aujourd'hui se com-pose de 103 succursales dans le monde et représente un budget de 400 milliards de dinars jordaniens.

Fidèle às engagements, il accroi dans le même temps ses aides sociales et culturelles. Des milliers de jeunes bénéficient de bourses d'enides. A Amman, il fonde le département d'études commerciales de l'université de Jordanie. Autant de réalisations, qui témoignent de son dévouement et de sa fidèlité à sa patrie: la nation arabe.

Saeda Kilani.

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Le "palace du patinage"



Nidal, Thaer, Firss, Manala, Rimah, Najah, sous la direction de leur père, Abdel Raouf: toute la famille Attieh met la main à la pâte depuis deux ans pour faire du "palace du patinage" de Swelfich une affaire... qui roule. Deuxième espace ouvert aux amateurs du patin à roulettes à Amman, le

Deinteme espace overt aux anaieurs du patri à routettes à Amman, te succès de l'entreprise n'avait rien d'assuré.

"On a en peur de l'échec au début, reconnait Nidal, directeur du centre. Nous avons conçu le bâtiment, de 1450m2, et son équipement pour le patinage exclusivement. La piste, à elle seule, fait près de 400 m2. Elle a une capacité d'accueil de 280 patineurs et ne peut guère être reconvertie."

Abdel Raouf Attich et ses six enfants sont aujourd'hui rassurés: depuis son accueil et de 160 m2 le feute l'échec me le 1000 le 100 m2 le feute l'échec me le 1000 le 100 m2 le feute l'échec me le 1000 le 100 m2 le feute l'échec me le 1000 le 100 m2 le feute l'échec me le 1000 le 100 m2 l Addel Raoul Artich et ses ax chiants sont aujourd'hui rassures: depuis son inauguration en août 1987, le "palace" fair patinoire comble. En 1989, le nombre des entrées a même dépassé les 100.000. Un record établi grâce à l'engouement des jeunes pour le patin mais aussi grâce aux autres services offerts par le centre: restaurant, calétéria, salle de jeux. Quand ce ne sont pas des concerts. "Nous avons déjà invité de grands chanteurs, comme Rabi' Khouli et Hanan," précise Nidal Attich.

La réussite n'empêche pas la famille de penser déjà à nouveaux projets: "On emère notamment construire des cours de tennis et de souasis." explique

espère notamment construire des cours de tennis et de squash," explique

Saeda Kilani.

per Alain Renon. Paince du patinage," Sweifich. TE: 822650. Entrée: 1 ID; location des patins: 1,5 ID.

Décès du socialiste français Charles Hernu

Un homme du président

Charles Hernu, ancien ministre français de la Défense, est mort mercredi soir à Lyon (sud-est de la France) à l'âge de 66 ans. Socialiste convaince, il fut l'un des plus proches compagnons de route de François Mitterrand pendant 25 ans. Sa carrière politique reste marqué par le scandale du "Rainbow Warrior", qui avait coûté la vie à un écologiste en 1985.

Charles Herny est mort en militant. La crise cardiaque, qui devait l'emporter mercredi soir. l'a terrassé la veille au cours d'un meeting en faveur des Arméniens du Caucase à Villeurveille au cours d'un meeting en laveur des Arméniens du Caucase à Villeurbanne (banlieue de Lyon), dont il tait député-maire. Né en 1923 à Quimper (Bretagne), ce fils de gendarme était entré dans la Résistance à l'âge de 19 ans, avant de se lancer, en 1961 dans la nafitions aux cavés du la ministréel en 1985 1951, dans la politique aux côtés du le ministériel en 1985. radical Pierre Mendès-France.

En 1965, François Mitterrand l'appelle auprès de lui pour préparer sa première campagne électorale. Dès iors et jusqu'à sa mort, Charles Her-nu restera l'un des plus proches amis du président français. Membre du Comité directeur du Parti socialiste depuis 1971, il en devient le spéliste pour les questions militaires.

Nommé ministre de la Défense à l'arrivée de la gauche au pouvoir en 1981, il aura consacré l'essentiel de sa carrière politique à plaider chez les socialistes français en faveur de la force de frappe, mise sur pied par le général de Gaulle. Plaidoirie longtemps vaine auprès de François Mitterrand, qui préférait à la "bomune stratégie pacifiste et anti-militariste.

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Le flou, qui entoure son rôle dans le sabotage du navire de l'organisa-tion écologiste "Greenpeace" venu en Nouvelle Zélande pour s'opposes aux essais nucléaires français dans k Pacifique sud, l'oblige en effet à graphe portugais du mouvement dans l'explosion du bâtiment à Auckland puis l'arrestation de deux agents des services secrets françis mettent donc brutalement fin à sa carrière gouver-

> L'affaire devait ébranler le PS et contribuer à la victoire de la droite aux élections législatives de 1986. Victoire, qui fit pendant deux ans du leader conservateur Jacques Chirac le premier ministre de François Mitterrand. (D'après agences).

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A L'AFFICHE

La Bamba, de Luis Valdez, avec Esai Morales, Rosana DeSoto et Elizabeth Pena. Fin des années 1950: rares sont les adolescents Américains. qui ne revent pas de devenir des stars du rock'n' roll. La chance sourit à quelques uns, tel Ritchie. A 17 ans. il se retrouve vedette...

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Festival Depardieu. Le centre français, présente tout au long du mois une série de films, dont l'acteur français mètres incontournables de l'amé-Gérard Depardieu est l'interprête principal. Cette semaine:

La Femme d'à côté, de François Truffaut, avec Fanny Ardant (1981). La vie tranquille de Bernaderte et Arlette se trouve bouleversée par l'arrivée de nouveaux voisins dans la maison "d'à côte"...

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Rouste de l'université de Jordanie, première à droite sprès l'hôtel Jerusalem puis pre-mière à gasche. Le ciné-cinh se trouve à environ 300m, sur la gasche.

CONFERENCE

nagement et du dévelopement de la zone côtière du royaume hachémite. Conférence et débat animés par le professeur Najim el-Dien Yousef, diplomé de l'université libre de Berlin et assistant en sciences de l'Environnement à l'université du Yarmouk. titut Goethe, mardi 23 janvier à 1960

TELEVISION

V, comme vengeance, téléfilm de Claude Boissol, d'aprés l'ocuvre de Pierre Schoeller et Olivier Wahl, avec François Arnoul, Andréa Ferréol et Bernard Fresson. Toute sa vie, Emilie 2 aidé les gens de son village, sans aucune considération en retour. Le jour où elle est victime d'une attaque cardiaque, ses voisins se rendem com-pte du rôle qu'elle joue dans kur vie...

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service de ce pays et une force politi-que, économique et sociale impor-tante, Pour la première fois depuis 1956, nous sommes réspons ser la scène politique à l'occasion des Législatives de novembre. J'ai été éto de retrouver la même réceptivité, après tant d'années d'absence du

L.J.: Quelle est la position du PC à l'égard de la Charte automale promise per le roi?

Y.Z.: Nous pensous, fondamentalement, qu'elle n'est pes uécessaire. Le retour à la Constitution suffit. Cependant, si le roi la souhaite et que, comme il le rappelait récemment dans les colonnes de la colonne de les colonnes de votre journal, toutes les forces politiques y sont associées, nous participerons à son élaboration.

L.J.: Your ast-on dojk sollicht?

Y.Z.: Pas encore. Mais on m'a dit jeudi qu'il me sera proposé de me joindre à la discussion.

L.J.: Quelle sera voire stratégie, si le PC est légalisé?

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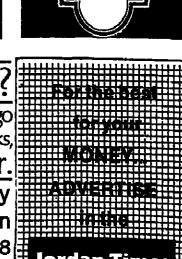




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Koor factories participated in

Thursday's strike. Workers from

Koor's largest subisidiary, the

Tadiran military and consumer

electronics firm, did not walk out,

It was the second labour action

On Tuesday, hundreds of workers blocked roads and

clashed with mounted police in

northern Israel after the closing

of a Koor-owned pipe factory

Koor has been in financial cri-

sis since October 1988, when the

conglomerate defaulted on \$20

million in loans made to an-

American subsidiary by Bankers

A financial rescue package

worked out by the government

and both foreign and Israeli

banks was never fully im-

plemented, and Koor has been

forced to postpone interest pay-ments on some of its \$950 million

Last week, two bids were sub-

The Beizberg family of Canada

offered \$130 million for Koor,

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Italian lira (for 100) 51.8 52.3
Belgian franc (for 10) 183.8 185.6

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Sectoral trading:

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this week against Koor.

TEL AVIV (AF) — Thousands of factory workers from the troubled Koor Industries conglomerate blocked highways Thursday in a strike to protest proposals to sell the company to American or Canadian investors.

Police were dispatched to several plants, where workers' formed picket lines and parked trucks across roads to dramatise their objections to foreign bids for the company.

Traffic was snarled near Koor factories on several northern roads and on the Tel Aviv-Haifa coastal highway, Israel radio said. violence was reported in the one-day strike, and there

were no arrets, police said. "We want to make the public aware of our situation," Yossi Zemach, head of the Koor workers' committee, told the Associated Press. "We are against the selling of Koor to foreigners."

Zemach argued that 9.000 Koor workers already have lost jobs and that many of the remaining 22,000 employees have taken pay cuts and agreed to higher productivity demands.

"We don't want such a large concern sold like a grocery store or a corner kiosk," Zemach said. "We know that private hands will be bad for us. They will make easy profits at our expense."

He called for the government and Israeli banks to step in with aid for Koor, which is owned by Israel's Histadrut labour federa-

previous week:

Daily average

Total volume

Total shares

Industrial

Financial

Service

Insurance

Share price index

No. of companies

One Sterling One U.S. dollar

Price movement (rise)

(decline)

(stable)

No. of contracts

and the Shamrock Corp. of Massachusetts offered to purchase 51 per cent of Koor's stock, reportedly for more than \$100 mil-

Details of the bids have been

kept secret. Koor has asked a \$50 million cash infusion from the government and has proposed that banks write off \$225 million of its debt. Foreign banks rejected the

Finance Minister Shimon Peres of the left-leaning Labour Party held an emergency session with Koor executives and bank chairmen. Wednesday night, concerned that failure of Israel's largest company could add to already troubling unemployment of more than eight per cent. In

addition, some of Koor's subsidiaries are heavily involved in military production.

Peres told Israel radio Thursday that the foreign bids and an internal solution were under con-

"In the near future, we will be able to decide which of the two is preferable for the Israeli economy and will ensure that Koor can continue to operate," Peres

Histadrut chairman Israel Kessar told Israel radio he ws concerned about "the plight of the workers." But he also was critical of a foreign buyout, saying "peo-ple shouldn't think they can come for an end-of-the-season sale and get things half price."

'Remember Third World'

BONN (R) — West German statesman Willy Brandt called Thursday for Western industrialised nations not to let support of Eastern Europe affect aid to the Third World.

Brandt, who won the Nobel peace prize in 1971 for efforts to improve relations with communist countries, said it would be fateful if credits now being offered to the reforming East Bloc meant that less money would go to poor developing na-

"We have no choice," he told a news conference after a meeting of the so-called Brandt Commission on North-South problems. "It is important to help both

Brandt, who in 1978 published a milestone report on the gulf between the industrialised North and the developing South, said North-South problems worsened in the past decade.

The former Social Democratic was practically dead.

chancellor held out hope that shrinking defence budgets would free funds for projects to save the environment and invest in poor The situation had improved in

parts of Asia, but in general the 1980s were "a lost decade for development," Brandt said. More people were starving today in black Africa than 10 years ago. In Latin America, the debt

crisis continued to threaten democracies burdened by interest payments, he said. In the early 1980s, industrialised nations pumped \$50 billion a

year into the Third World, but today poor nations pay roughly the same amount to the rich world, Brandt said.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal, who also attended the meeting, said things were made worse by falling raw materials prices and the fact that the North-South dialogue

Sweden to count green cost in gross domestic product

STOCKHOLM (R) — Sweden ways measured in plus terms for plans to count the loss of natural resources alongside its official gross domestic product (GDP) a move a leading ecologist described as a breakthrough comparable to the discovery that the earth is round.

The finance ministry has said it would produce a report aimed at first step towards evaluating enevaluating in hard cash the depletion of natural resources to complement the official GDP ral resources such as trees and

GDP, which measures the value of goods and services produced by a country over a given period, is generally thought to reflect a nation's success and

try's medium-term economic planning, said. "You can have everything you need materially-but still feel deprived or live in a poor environment."

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vironmental factors would be to measure the permanent loss of natufrom the Central Bureau of Statistics.

But Anders Wijkman, general secretary of the Swedish Nature Protection Federation, likened wellbeing. the numbuy's more in the numbuy's more i

"It is as if we lived in two different worlds," said Wijkman, noting that economists, politicians and companies spoke of wages, profits and GDP growth, while ecologists focused on dying lakes and forests.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market drifted to a slightly weaker close but book-squaring before the weekend helped stem the losses. The All Ordinaries index fell 3.9 to 1,673.9.

TOKYO — Signs that yen bond yields may have peaked helped the Nikkei index break a four-day losing streak. Index-linked buying by a major foreign securities house and a leading local one also boosted the index, which closed at 36,836.54, up 107.08. HONG KONG --- Most investors remained cautious but prices closed slightly firmer on selective bargain-hunting by local institutions. The Hang Seng index ended up 4.62 at 2,776.29. SINGAPORE — Share prices closed marginally easier but above their early lows after an afternoon bout of selective bargain-

hunting. The Straits Times index fell 5.61 to 1,527.21. BOMBAY — Share prices fell sharply as fears of heavy taxation in the March budget for fiscal 1990/91 triggered panic selling across-the-board. The Bombay stock exchange index plummeted 27.83 points to 710.75.

FRANKFURT -- Violence in the southern Soviet Union kept West German investors nervous. Shares opened higher but drifted down to 1,773.56, a loss of 5.61.

ZURICH - Most investors held back to watch Swiss interest rates and other European markets. The all-share performance index gained 6.7 to 1,120.2.

PARIS — Share prices drifted lower. "There's no domestic momentum," a dealer said. "Paris is showing complete subordination to foreign markets." LONDON — The mood remained gloomy with the market distrusting New York's apparent stability. The FTSE lost 1.9

points to 2.335. NEW YORK -- Recovery in Tokyo relieved soome concern and technical factors helped shares to rise. At 1639 GMT the Dow Jones industrials were up 12.37 to 2,678.75.

Jumbies: CREEK ALBUM SHERRY MIDWAY What the beekeeper said on an unusually hot day—ITS "SWARM" HERE

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

IJLTC approves budget, 90 plan

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — The General Assembly of the Iraq Jordan Land Transport Company (IJLTC) has approved a working plan for 1990 and the company's budget, according to Transport Minister Ibrahim Ayoub. Ayoub said that the assembly meeting was co-chaired by himself and his Iraqi counterpart, Mohammad Zubeidi, with whom he held talks on various matters related to promoting bilateral cooperation in transport fields. Earlier, an official said that the IJLTC collected JD 1.75 million profit from its operations in the past year, up from JD 1 million in 1988. The company which was established in 1980 with a \$50 million capital owns 900 trucks for its operations between Jordan and Iraq and between the two countries and the Arab World. According to company officials, the company so far has transported nearly nine million tonnes of goods and made profits estimated at JD 8.7 million shared equally by Jordan and Iraq. Last November, Jordan and Iraq signed an agreement on transportation of goods and passengers by land. The agreement aims to further facilitate transportation and also provides for exception of Iraqi and Jordanian nationals from entry fees.

Boeing to slash up to 5,000 workers

SEATTLE (AP) — The Boeing Co. expects to slash its workforce by as many as 5,000 employees this year, reflecting uncertainty over the defence budget and the future of a new plane still on the drawing board. Boeing said 1,700 hourly employees would be laid off by April, 1,400 of whom work at the company's Everett plant in the Puget Sound area, where production start-up for the new 747-400 Jumbo jet has been completed. Attrition should account for about half the total reduction, the company said in a news release. Boeing did not provide details on where the remainder of cuts would come from. Because the new 777 airplane programme is still not formally approved and with uncertainties in the defence budget, Boeing will continue to review and revise its workforce requirements throughout the year," the company said. The 777 jet is new Boeing model still in the planning stages. At the end of 1989, Boeing had 145,200 employees nationwide, up 10,800 from the beginning of the year.

Japanese enter Hungarian car market

BUDAPEST (R) — Japanese vehicle-makers plan a drive into the Hungarian market, where 400,000 people are on the waiting list for cars. The Suzuki Motor Co. has signed a basic agreement to form a joint venture for the manufacture of cars in Hungary. Japanese trading company C. Itoh, a Hungarian consortium and an agency of the World Bank will build a \$140 million car plant at Esztergom, an old city on the Danube north of Budapest. It is scheduled to start production of Suzuki Swift compact cars 1992. Hungary, which has a population of 10.6 million, has no carmaker of its own. There is a waiting list of 400,000 customers, but only 120,000 cars a year are imported from member countries of the Soviet-led trading bloc Comecon. Imports of Western cars were liberalised in 1989 but drained Hungary's limited hard-currency reserves. The plant will produce the Swift for sale both in Hungary and for export.

National Australia Bank **buys Yorkshire Bank** for a record price

LONDON (R) — National Australia Bank (NAB) agreed to pay a record sum for a British bank Thursday, snapping up Yorkshire Bank for almost £1 billion (\$1.65

Yorkshire is one of Britain's most profitable banks and has a network of about 250 branches, mainly in northern and central

England.
The sale was announced by Yorkshire's four joint owners -National Westminster Bank (40 per cent), Barclays Bank (32 per cent), Lloyds Bank (20 per cent) and the Royal Bank of Scotland

interest for Yorkshire, taking the

total up to about £1 billion. portant step in the development of our group's U.K. operations."
NAB already owns three banks

NAB chailman Sir Rupert Clarke said: "We are delighted to acquire Yorkshire Bank. Its acquisition represents another im-

(eight per cent).

NAB, one of Australia's big
four retail banks, will pay £976.5
million (\$1.6 billion) in cash plus

Commenting on NAB's overall strategy, managing director Nob-by Clark said: "We don't want to

muscle it with the major banks in most parts of the world. We want to play a quiet regional game." Analysts said the sale was a good deal for NAB as York-

in Scotland and Ireland -

Clydesdale Bank, Northern Bank

and National Irish Bank - which

Yorkshire's shareholders put

the bank up for sale last October,

saying it made no sense for it to

be owned by a group of competi-

it bought in 1987.

shire's operations would dovetail with the Clydesdale Bank just across the border in Scotland. After the deal goes through, NAB will become Britain's seventh largest retail bank.

Yorkshire Bank made 1989pre-tax profits of £113 million (\$186 million), up from £100 million (\$165 million) in 1988. It had net assets of £4 billion (\$6.6 billion).

White House sees justification to cut U.S. interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The the near future White House broke with its usual practice of not commenting on Rederal Reserve (Fed) policy Thursday by suggesting that cuts in interest rates "are justified" by current economic conditions.

Presidential Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the Jan. 8 reduction in the prime rate by banks, to 10 per cent from 10.5 per cent, "hasn't been totally passed through" and that the administration hoped it would be.

Although it has engaged in more subtle forms of credit easing, the Fed, or central bank, has not changed its bellwether discount rate — the rate for shortterm loans it charges to banks and other financial institutions - for nearly a year.

Asked whether the administration was intentionally sending a message to the independent central bank from the White House briefing room, Fitzwater said: This is not a new message. But it's important occasionally to point out that lower interest rates are normally good for the eco-

His comments came amid reports that momentum for easing interest rates at the Fed may have ended.

Fitzwater said recent economic reports argue for an easier credit

Fitzwater, in particular, said Thursday's report by the Commerce Department that housing starts fell by eight per cent in December was "not good news" and was "well below market expectations.

That's the best indicator we have. I mean, housing starts are more responsive to interest rates than anything else," he said. Fitzwater said Bush will tell the National Association of Home-

"interest rates are going down."
The president will also tell his audience "we hope" lower rates "will be translated into increased market sales and that he have lower interest rates." he said. "I

always favoured lower interest rates and we still do." Fitzwater also reacted to an article in Thursday's editions of

"We're hopeful that they (the Fed) will take a look at this morning's indicators and understand that these numbers are low and indicate that inflation has remained very steady over the last seven or eight years and that. lower interest rates are justified," the spokesman said.

The article said the comments of the two Fed members - who have led the move for lower interest rates in recent months made further easing by the Fed unlikely for now.

Although the Fed has got lowered the discount rate since last February, it has engaged in financial fine-tuning since last June that has relieved pressure on interest rates.

The most recent was action last Dec. 20 in supplying extra reserves to the banking system that enabled banks to lower the rate they charge each other for overnight loans — the so-called federal funds rate — to 8.25 per cent from 9.25 per cent.

To further bolster the administration's case that interest rates should be further lowered, Fitzwater cited the Labour Department's Thursday report that showed inflation had grown a moderate 0.4 per cent in December, and had increased by 4.6 per cent for all of 1989. -

Although it was the highest annual increase since 1981, Bush said the CPI report showed in general that "inflation is low and under control." Asked whether Bush had

spoken to Federal Reserve Chairan Alan Greenspan recently on the subject of interest rates, Pitzwater said: "He has spoken to him so often, I'm not sure that's relevant."

David Berson, an economist builders in Atlanta Friday that for the Federal National Mongage Association, said White House jawboning of the Fed is to. be expected. "Every administration wants

> don't think the current administration is different from any administration." Furthermore, he said he did

the Wall Street Journal quoting not think the low housing start two Fed members, Vice Chair- figure was evidence of any basic man Manuel Johnson and Wayne weakness in housing. It give Angell, as indicating that lower dence only that we had very bad interest rates were not likely in weather in December," he said.

'Greece is broke'

paign for a third general election dreon.

in less than a year. about the magnitude of the present economic crisis. We are

"The time for truth has come. Even if we are forced to print inflationary money it will not be

enough," he declared. The party platform for the elecbe that Greece was out of money model all over the Europe.

after eight years of socialist rule. New Democracy won elections the 300-seat parliament.

Since November, Greece has in 1990.

ATHENS (R) — Greece is been ruled by an all-party coalibroke, conservative leader Contion supported both by Missotakis stantine Mitsotakis proclaimed and his socialist rival, former Thursday, launching his cam- Prime Minister Andreas Papan-

"Greece needs to be ruled by a "Greeks must know the truth strong government which will take immediate decisions and implement them. Coalition governbroke," Mitsotakis told New ments act very slowly and the problems cannot wait," Mitsotakis said.

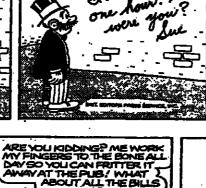
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His party wants drastic cuts in state spending to control a budget in June and November but fell deficit of more than two trillion short of an absolute majority in drachmas (\$12.5 billion) which he says will soar above three milion

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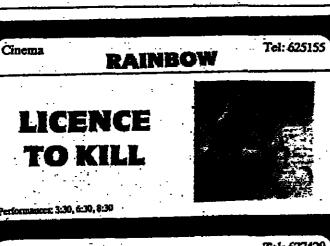
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AC's form worries Maradona

EUROPEAN champions AC Milan, who best Atalanta 3-1 with a Marco van Basten hat-trick on Wednesday, are worrying even Diego Maradona as they

edge up the Italian soccer league.
Milan is the team to beat. Three goals against Atalanta? That wasn't easy. They keep storming through, and that worries me," the Argentine world cup captain said after helping leaders Napoli to a tight 1-0 victory at home to Cesena.

Fourth-placed AC Milan have the chance to further close the gap on Napoli - at present three points although with a game in hand - when they face relegation haunted Udinese on Sunday.

But Napoli, seeking their second first division title, are expected to take both points at home against bottom side

European footballer of the year van Basten said of his three goals: "They were all beautiful. First because they make your team win and second hecause you

Playing despite a badly-bruised knee, Maradona set up the goal against Cesena and was praised by coach Alberto Bigon.

"Maradona performed his usual miracle and played with incredible self-sacrifice," Bigon

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The new changes and arrangements that you have been considering may need to be changed due to the immediate possibility that travel needs will take precedence over

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Go with family now to make call and visits on close companions. Persons from the outside will now bring joy to you and your attach-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Be prepared for an oncoming change in your social structure. Accept and go along with family's ideas for GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Get

the aid of two good and efficient friends to suggest ways to improve your social activities. At home, entertain men and younger per-MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) It is important that you increase the value of your residence by spending some money on it. Devise some interesting new trips for mate. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Bright and alert friends will bring you fun and entertainment today. You need to have outside recreations

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Don't be so one-sided at your residence and with friends. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novemher 21) You need to have a greater awareness of those who dwell be-

neath your own roof Don't let a

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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Now you feel that home conditions at last are more as you wish them to be. Friends will charm and bring you happy times

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Let others take the centre of the stage socially. Your moment comes later. A wonderful day for an emutional time with

AOUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Take family to meet in-fluential personalities today. Discussions today will be productive of wonderful results for your

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Lots of interesting activity will take place at your dwelling. Fix up your residence so it pleases your attachment more.

Today's child: If your child were born today he or she will be good at finding excellent projects to promote and gain from. Others will want to join with them in investments so they should be certain to incorporate and have an established firm rather than to operate out of a home or apart-

"The stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you. **AUSTRALIAN OPEN:**

McEnroe keeps cool, Lendl struggles

By Robert Kitson Reuter

MELBOURNE, Australia -John McEnroe staved calm in testing conditions to beat fellow American Dan Goldie on Friday as he maintained his disciplined push towards his first grand slam title for five years.

The three-time Wimbledon champion overwhelmed Goldie 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to move into the lsat 16 of the Australian Open but was more impressed with the way he ignored noisy spectators and the heat than with his actual

BONN (R) — Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said

Friday he would be prepared to

take performance-enhancing

drugs if other top tennis players

took them and if doping was

necessary to stay at the top.

The world number two, pre-

sently competing in the Austra-

lian Open in Melbourne, said in

an interview with the West

German magazine Sports that,

while tennis was clean, he

understood why many athletes

in other sports resorted to

doping.
"If Lendl kept beating me

because he was taking steroids,

I would take them too, I mean

that," Becker was quoted as

to stay at the top

"I felt like I did a good job keeping my cool," said McEnroe, who was irritated by shouts from

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"I would try to make sure we

were competing on an equal basis. That's what it's all ab-

out. Otherwise I would just

pack it all in straight away."

are certain to disappoint offi-

cials and athletes trying to rid their sports of doping, said

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tennis because players need a

variety of qualities including

strength, stamina speed, and mobility.

perhaps if you could take some

thing for your mental strength," the 22-year-old

West German said.

"There would be doping

Becker, whose statements

women's game, Steffi Graf, hit racket early in her third round match against Leila Meskhi

The mishit forehand led the defending champion to drop her serve and fall 3-1 behind but she recovered to win 6-4, 6-1.

Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia, seeded fifth, lost 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 to American Patry Fendick and 11th-seeded American Pam

Shriver because the fourth herself on the head with her women's seed to be ousted when she was beaten by Japan's Kimiko Date 6-4, 6-3.

> Wearing a lime-green bandana and with white zinc cream smeared over his nose and mouth to counter the hot sun. McEnroe admitted he was prepared to look stupid if it helped him win the tournament.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The winning tickets for the Queen Alia Showjumping Championships lottery were drawn by HRH Ra'd Ben Zeid Friday evening at Hotel Jordan Inter-Continental.

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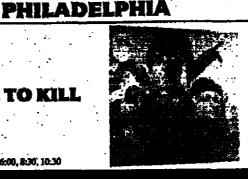
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Armenians recount terror, humiliation in Azeri capital

VARDENIS, Soviet Union (R) - Azeri thugs broke into the homes of elderly Armenians in Baku, dragged their occupants into the streets and herded them' onto ferries out of Azerbaijan.

About 300 of the more than 10,000 Armenians who have left Azerbaijan since the latest violence erupted in the southern Soviet region are in Vardenis, northeast of the Armenian capital Yerevan.

Most tell the same story of gangs of youngsters who burst into their apartments in the Azerbaijani capital last Saturday and Sunday, destroyed their possessions and turned them out into the street.

At least 70 are still in hospital being treated for cuts, broken timbs and crushed ribs. "Ten youths came into our flat

while we were out and smashed êverything," said Anna Babayan, 67, her face a mass of bruises. The attackers returned later, beat ber and forced her out of her

"They tried to pull out my the past two years of conflict over

called Amnesty International a

terrorist organisation and accused

the London-based human rights

group of trying to destabilise his

defence minister, said at his

weekly news briefing: "Quote

me. I declare Amnesty Interna-

tional another terrorist organisa-

tion cloaked in sheep's clothing

which goes into countries to des-

tabilise democratic government."

. In London, Amnesty Interna-

"Amnesty International stands

for human rights, not terror. We

do not support or fund the activi-

ties of opposition groups any-where in the world," said the

London-based organisation,

which campaigns worldwide for

the release of non-violent politic-

al prisoners and the abolition of

Amnesty International said it

had given relief assistance over

many years to victims of human

rights violations in Sri Lanka,

including recent legal work on

behalf of victims of alleged hu-

man rights abuses.

torture and capital punishment.

tional denied the allegation.

Wijeratne, who also is deputy

Colombo, Amnesty

teeth." she said, displaying a double row of gold-capped teeth. "But I struggled and kicked and they were unable to do it."

She added: "I saw one woman trying to hold a blanket around her naked body as she was being dragged along the street."

Most Armenians were taken first to a cinema opposite Baku's main police station. From there were dragged down to the city's docks to be put on a ferry across the Caspian Sea to the Soviet Republic of Turkmenia with neither coat not shoes.

There was no food aboard the vessel, the refugees said, and Azerbaijani crew beat many of them during the 12-hour crossing. All denied being "evacuated" from Baku — the operation, they

say, was clearly a well-organised "If it had been for our safety, why were we not allowed to take

our coats, warm clothes or food?" said Babayan.

Vardenis has long had to deal with influxes of refugees during

ieveral lawyers had been killed or

had advised foreign government

to discontinue aid to Sri Lanka.

quently criticised the Sri Lankan

government, citing detailed

allegations that its security forces

have engaged in killings, torture and other human rights viola-

Sinhalese extremist group, the People's Liberation Front, and

separate, but related insurrec-

since 1983 for an independent

homeland in northern Sri Lanka,

a war that has killed an estimated

The government is battling a

Amnesty International has fre-

statement said.

the dispute territory of Nagorno-Karabakh --- about 13,000 people have congregated at camps in the

Local officials decline to talk about reports that Armenians are organising themselves into brigades of "volunteers" to ward off what they say are imminent

attacks by Azeri activists.
"We have the right to defend ourselves," said one official. "No one could call us aggressive."

Nikolai Davtyan, deputy rector of a Communist Party school in the Azerbaijani capital, was attacked by 50 men who burst into his Baku apartment Sunday morning and set upon him.

Covered in bruises and barely able to stand, he accused Azerbaijan's party leadership, including First Secretary Abdul Verizov, of connivance or at the very least passive acceptance of the violence.

"Vezirov? No one listens to him and no one believes him," he said. "But the authorities knew full well what was happening."



Time minority Tamil guerrillas in two out for The Tamils have been fighting Tibet'

11,000 people. After the govern-NEW DELHI (R) — The Dalai Lama, winner of the Nobel Peace ment signed a peace treaty with the Tamils about two years ago, the Sinhalese extremists began tan Buddhists, was quoted Friday assassinating government leaders and their suporters because they as saying time was running out for felt the government was making talks with China on a peaceful settlement of his homeland's fu-

> "If the Chinese government does not initiate a meaningful and sincere dialogue on the Tibetan issue within a year, I will be forced to change my present conciliatory stand," he told the Times of India newspaper in an

"Time is running out," said the

The Dalai Lama won the 1989 Nobel Prize, to the fury of Beij-

He told the newspaper there had been no significant progress on discussing his 1988 proposal, announced to the European Pardiament in Strasbourg, for an autonomous Tibet whose foreign

"My own suggestion that we take up negotiations in Hong Kong has not yet met with any official response," he said. "We do not want to approach the Chinese government unless they show some sincere gesture. And if they cannot accept for minimum requirement then there is not much to discuss."

Entire Ceausescu clique under arrest in Romania

BUCHAREST (AP) - Romania's chief prosecutor says virtually the entire leadership of the Romanian Communist Party is under arrest, including the highest-ranking cronies of executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Prosecutor-General Gheorghe Robu said in an interview published Friday in the newspaper Adevarul (Truth) that all but one of 21 former members of the once-ruling politburo were in custody, with the exception of scu and his wife Elena. The Ceausescus were tried and

shot Dec. 25 for genocide and sabotaging the economy. Meanwhile, the National

Salvation Front (NSF), the na-tion's provisional leadership, issued a public appeal Friday in the newspaper Tineretul Liber. (Free Youth) calling on citizens not to hoard food or buy stolen foreign aid goods. In another development, De-

fence Minister Nicolae Militaru threatened to stop the flow of electricity to some large industries, saying the country's energy supply was endangered by factories routinely using more than their allotted share of power.

Friday at Bucharest University's College of Architecture, demanding that 26 of the school's 82 professors be fired as incompetents who gained their positions though political connections during Čeansescu's rule.

On the prosecution of former high officials, Robu said that 31 former high-ranking officials have been arrested in all, including Ceausescu's playboy son

The younger Ceansescu was the party chief in the Transylva-nian city of Sibiu, and reportedly ordered the Securitate forces loyal to Ceansescu to open fire on demonstrators during the revolu-tion that toppled his father Dec. 22. No date has been set for his

Robu said most of the jailed Ceausescu figures were cooperating with investigators.

Those expected to be tried first are former Communist Party Secretary Emil Bobu, number three in the government behind Ceausescu and Elena, former Interior Minister Tudor Postelnicu, the official in charge of the Securitate, Ceausescu's special

police, and politburo members Manea Manescu and Ion Dinca.

Their trials on charges abetting genocide were expected to begin next week before a military tribunal. A similar military court sentenced Ceausescu and his wife to death Christmas Day after their conviction on charges of igenocide and mining Romania's mational economy.

Robu said Ceausescu's daughter Zoia-Elena and another son, Valentin, were in jail but had not been leading figures in the ousted

Bobu said Zoia-Elena had gone on a brief hunger strike in her first days in jail, refusing anything but coffee and smoking her own supply of American cigarettes.

We told to her that she's living in exactly the same condi-tions that the Romanian people were subjected to, and she's adopted reasonable behaviour," Robu was quoted as saying in the

The only politburo member not under arrest was Paul Niculescu, a more liberal official who is said to have offered his services to the revolutionary government.

Defence Minister Military wrote in a article published Friday in Adevarul that state-run factories in the metallurgical and chentical industries were overdrawing the power quotas by "thousands and thousands of

kilowatts.'

"Enterprises that draw too much power and do not obey the regulations will have their electricity shut down," he said in an article he wrote for Adevarul. "It is important not to get to this point because production losses could have deep consequences on the economy and the people," said Militaru. He said that last Tuesday.

Romania's generating plants had to produce 300 extra megawatts of power to meet demand.

"Besides requiring costly sup-plementary supplies, the use of too much power is jeopardising

the energy system," he said.

Under Ceausescu's rule, heating and electricity were strictly limited in public buildings and hundreds of thousands of stateowned apartments to conserve energy so that Romania could

Kashmir government resigns in protest

SRI NAGAR, India (R) — The embattled government of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, widely accused of incompetence in face of a mounting secessionist campaign, has resigned.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Tinister Farooq Abdullah said Friday he quit because the new government in Delhi insulted him and appointed a new governor without consultation.

His resignation was likely to raise a sign of relief in the new central government of Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, which wanted Abdullah out but did not want to dismiss him because it had complained of such moves while in opposition. Officials in Jammu, the state's

winter capital, said a formal declaration was likely to be made later Friday that the Delhiappointed governor would take

Jammu and Kashmir, the counry's only Muslim-majority state. has fallen increasingly under the influence of militants demanding it become a part of Pakistan or

reunited and independent. More than 100 people have been killed in the secessionist campaign over the past 18 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Marion Barry, his last years in office blackened by accusations

of cocaine use, was arrested on a

drug charge Thursday night in

what federal authorities de-

scribed as "an ongoing public

The arrest at a downtown hotel

came just three days before Barry

planned to formally announce

that he would seek reelection to a

fourth term as mayor of the capit-

al city of the United States. It also

came the day before long-time

Barry associate Charles Lewis

was scheduled for sentencing on

Lewis has testified in federal

court that he provided cocaine for

the mayor, but it was not clear

whether Thursday night's arrest

was connected to the Lewis inves-

Barry has steadfastly denied

The U.S. attorney's office said

Barry was to appear before a

federal magistrate on unspecified

drug charges Friday.

A federal law enforcement

source who asked not to be iden-

tified said the arrest was the

restult of a "sting" operation in

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and in frequent, widely observed general strikes called by mili-

Abdullah's most difficult moment was in December when the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) kidnapped the daughter of Home (interior) Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, a Kashmiri. She was released five days later in exchange for five JKLF members. Kashmir, the cause of two of

India's three wars against Pakistan since both became indepen-dent of Britain in 1947, remains a source of bitterness between the two countries.

Islamabad, which controls onethird of the region, demands a referendum on Kashmir's future. Singh's government, which accuses Pakistan of backing the insurgency, has refused to shift from Delhi's long refusal to reopen the issue. Abdullah said he submitted his

signation Thursday night. "The home minister has been

saying the state administration has collapsed, which is insulting," he said. Sayeed had also demanded In-

dian army and paramilitary forces be given search and arrest powers.

Washington mayor arrested on drug charge

ANC concedes setback against de Klerk move

LUSAKA (AP) — The African National Congress (ANC) has conceded it could not step up guerrilla actions inside South Africa and acknowledged the need to prepare itself for possible negotiations with the Pretoria

ANC Secretary-General Alfred Nzo warned fellow leaders meeting in Lusaka that the organisation risked being "caught off balance" by political reforms introduced by President F.W. de

De Klerk was pushing ahead with reforms at a speed designed to outmanoeuvre the ANC and activists campaigning against the apartheid system of racial separation, Nzo said. He was addresing the first session of a three-day gathering of

the ANC national executive com-

mittee, the organisation's top policy-making body. "Unless we act quickly we will surrender the initiative to Pre-

South African Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said Thursday that the government would reassess the need to maintain bans on the ANC, the South African Communist Party and other militant opposition groups.

Coetsee's statement followed a defiant announcement Wednesday by the United Democratic Front that it would resume fullscale, overt operations. The front

has been forced to operate clan-

destinely since February 1988,

when it was among 17 groups prohibited from conducting any The ANC has repeatedly said it will not negotiate with de Klerk until its jailed leader Nelson Mandela is released, the organisation is unbanned, political trials are halted and troops are

In Lusaka, Nzo told conferees the ANC would continue waging guerrilla actions aimed at ending white-minority domination. Among his listeners were eight leaders recently freed after serving long terms in South African

withdrawn from black townships.

The armed struggle must continue but looking at our situation we do not have the capacity within our country to intensify the struggle in any meaningful way," Nzo said.

The movement began a campaign of bombing and sabotage attacks in 1961.

LONDON (AP) - The Prince of

book about architecture, was named author of the year at the British Book Awards Thursday. "A Vision of Britain," in which Prince Charles criticised much modern architecture, has been in the list of best-sellers since it was published last year. American and Canadian editions of the book have sold very well, and it has been translated into Italian. In the book, the prince said some modern architects replaced the traditions and harmonies of the past with "Frankenstein mons-ters, devoted of character, alien and largely unloved except by the professors who have been concocting these horrors in their laboratories." Charles, 41-yearold heir to the British throne, won the first Author of the Year Award. It was accepted on his behalf by Christopher Martin, who produced a British Broadcasting Corporation documentary in which the prince guided viewers around some buildings he liked and many he didn't. The book also led to an exhibition at London's Victoria and Albert. Museum which attracted 45,000. visitors — the museum's most. popular event in 1989. In a videotaped acceptance speech to 500 authors and publishers, Charles said: "I couldn't have been more amazed that my name. was included because when I entered this venture I had considerable cold feet about the result. I was much amused when I heard that the local bookshop in Windsor had a sign over the copies of the book which said 'local' author - not strictly true, but a good idea." Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II, has a castle in Windsor.

This has been done through the too many concessions to the bar association of Sri Lanka, Mongolia bans illegal demonstrations

BEIJING (R) — Mongolia's Communist authorities have banned all unauthorised demonstrations to prevent a newly formed opposition group from holding a rially in the capital, Ulan Bator, a

resident of the city said Friday. The ban was broadcast on state radio and television on Thursday evening, said the resident, contacted by telephone from Beijing. : A People's Revolutionary Par-

ty official appeared on television and criticised the Mongolian Democratic Union, an unofficial alliance of workers and intellectitals that organised a rally of about 5,000 people in Ulan Bator last Sunday. Another raily was planned for Sunday in the city's inain sqaure.

'Last Sunday's rally was the biggest in Mongolia's recent his-fory and a Foreign Ministry official said earlier this week that the protest had the approval of the authorities.

The new regulations, announced by the Ulan Bator city authorities; banned all demonstrations in the city's main Sukhbator Square and several other places, including media organisa-

lies to be held elsewhere, said the resident, who asked not to be identified.

"I'm not sure if the demonstraperson has appeared on televiahead," he said.

Mongolia is the latest country to feel the winds of change sweeping the Communist world. A vast and remote nation of two million people, it is closely allied to the Soviet Union and its leaders have embraced reforms with

People's Revolutionary Party ideology chief D. Tsahilzhan who, the resident said, accused the opposition group of following Western and East European

He called on people to support further reforms.

tions, the airport and the railway

Permission was needed for ral-

tion will go ahead. An important sion. But younger people are not satisfied so the rally may go

The "important person" was

the ruling party and promised The official party newspaper Unen also criticised the opposi-

tion union Friday, the resident



Prize and spiritual leader of Tibe-

interview. Dalai Lama, who so far has managed to restrain an increasingly vocal demand from young Tibetans in exile for a guerrilla war to

free their homeland. ing, largely for his insistence on a non-violent campaign for an internally antonomous Tibet.

and defence policies would remain in Beijing's hands.

"This is because the Chinese, despite their 'willingness,' always seems to find some excuse for delay," he said.

tigation (FBI) agents kept under observation a prearranged meet-ing between the mayor and an unidentified friend in a downtown hotel, the Vista international, about six blocks from the White House.

Barry, 53, was arrested at the hotel shortly after 8 p.m. (0100 GMT Friday) as a result of an undercover operation conducted jointly by the city police department's internal affairs division and the FBI, according to a statement by U.S. attorney Jay Stephens and Thomas Duhadway, special agent in charge of the FBI's Washington Office. There was no word of additional

arrests. First word of the arrest was broadcast late Thursday night by television station WRC, which said the mayor attempted to buy

cocaine on the seventh floor. The mayor was led away by undercover police officers and FBI agents, the statison said, and his driver and bodyguard were

led away separately.

Barry, who has repeated won reelection with large majorities, has lost support over the past four years because of allegations he used drugs and because of the corruption convictions against several members of his administration. Former Democratic presiden-

tial candidate Jesse Jackson, a well-known civil rights leader, fuelled speculation that he would challenge Barry when he moved to Washington last year. However, Jackson has said repeatedly that he would not challenge Barry. Jackson said through a spokesman he would have no comment on the arrest.

Dru', use among the city's coming men is blamed for a sharply rising murder rate - a record 438 homicides were committed last year against 369 the year

Top city officials were meeting late Thursday night to assess the arrest. City Council Chairman David Clarke, who is running for mayor, called the arrest "a tragic moment in our city's history. Councilwoman Charlene Jarvis. another mayoral candidate, said the arrest "changes the political landscape of the city.'

Although rumours about Barry and drugs had surfaced throughout the last half of his tenure as mayor, no charges had been

The accusations became even more widespread after the arrest of Lewis.

brought before Thursday.

Barry was visiting Lewis' hotel room in December 1988 when city police were sent to investigate a report that Lewis was selling drugs. When the officers found out Barry present, they abandoned their mission in an episode not yet fully explained.

Lewis pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine in Washington, and was scheduled to be sentenced on that charge Friday. Lewis also has been convicted of selling drugs in the Virgin Islands.

In November, a U.S. television station, WUSA, said a local physician had reported to police that Barry had been treated for a drug overdoze in 1983. The thenpolice chief later reported that investigators were unable to confirm that report,

Karen Johnson, a former city worker with whom Barry eventually admitted a romance, was convicted on various drug charges in 1984. She served several months in prison for refusing to testify about Barry.

Coffee lovers love better, study claims

ROYAL OAK, Michigan (AP) — Older couples who drink coffe appear to be more sexually active than elderly non-coffee drinkers, according to a new study. In response to a survey, 62

per cent of married women 60 and older who drank coffee said they were sexually active. Forty per cent of women older than 60 who do not drink coffee said they were active. Among married men the same ages, 36 per cent of coffee drinkers said they some-

times were impotent, com-

pared with 59 per cent of those

The study in the January

issue of the Archives of Inter-

nal Medicine did not give a

who do not drink coffee.

margin of error or date for the survey of 744 Michigan residents done by Dr. Ananias Diokno of William Beaumont Hospital in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak.

Diokno, attempting to ex-plain, the results, said coffee stimulates the central nervous system and relaxes certain muscles. But he said it also was possible that people who drink coffee also happen to be "more liberal in their sexual behaviour.'

"We want to pursue this and find out why there is this connection between sex and coffee," he said. The study team did not ask participants whether they

drank regular or decaffeinated

coffee or how much they drank, Diokno said. Some researchers were seentical of the findings.

"Oh, Lord help us, now they've linked coffee and sex," said Gail Keshner Riggs, associate director of restorative medicine at the University of Arizona's College of Medicine, who has done her own research on sex among elderly

"Dr. Diokno is a respected researcher," said Dr. Tom Stanisic, a professor of surgery and urology at the University of Arizona College of Medi-cine in Tuscon. "But before anyone starts drinking coffee to boost their sex life, it would be wise if other people looked

into this a little more. "It's not something I would act on immediately.

Coffee and caffeine are popular research topics; more than 500 studies on their effects have been published in medical journals since, 1983. Some studies have linked coffee to heart disease, high cholesterol levels and pancreatic cancer, while others found

no such relationship. Diokno's survey also found that about 75 per cen tof married elderly men and 56 per cent of married elderly women remain sexually active, compared with 31 per cent of unmarried elderly men and five per cent of unmarried elderly Wortier.

Berry sues magazine over nude photos

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -

Rock 'n' roll pioneer Chuck Ber-

ry says pictures of him in the nude with female companions were stolen, and he is suing the magazine that published them for \$10 million. But the publisher of the magazine, High Society, said in New York Thursday that the pictures were purchased and the magazine has a signed release from the seller. Berry considered the photos his private property, attorney Melvin Belli said after he filed the lawsuit in San Francisco superior court. Berry, 63, said he had the photos taken because, 'Tve seen too many times when girls misused their relationship with Fellas. I wanted something to show everything was merry-merry." Berry and his companion are posing side by side in most of the photos. No sexual acts are depicted. Berry said the photos were stolen in September from his business office in St. Louis and he does not know who turned them over to High Society. The photos were printed without Berry's permission and the magazine ignored requests not to print them, said Paul Monzione, the attorney handling the lawsuit for the Belli firm. High Society publisher Gloria Leonard said: "We legitimately purchased those photos and we have a signed release from the party from whom we purchased it." Leonard refused to identify the seller. High Society runs many celebrity photos, and the magazine's attorneys are very scrupulous to ensure everything is checked out before publication, she said. "We felt that: be was certainly an interesting character, an icon of American culture, and we never (meant) to hurt him in any way. We have great respect for him," she said.

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